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Briton tells how flash flood killed eight in Oman



Victim Andy Deller

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

AN INJURED British woman vesterday described how an expedition to explore a dry river bed in Oman, known as "wadi-bashing", turned into a disaster when a flash flood swept members of her group from the side of a deep gorge, killing five Britons. Two Americans and a Chitch woman. Dutch woman.

Sally Whitemore, 28, who suffered a head injury, said from her hospital bed: "It was a torrential wall of water ... the worst experi-

Mrs Whitemore, from Bourne

helped to safety by two fellow Britons about 600ft down Wadi Bani Ouf, also known as Snake Gorge, when they were washed away. Her rescuers were named as Andy Deller, 34, a former soldier, from Eastbourne, East Sussex, and Bill Love, 28, from Glasgow, Both were single and worked in the Gulf state. A third casualty was named as Karen Salt, whose family lives in Oman, but the identities of the other two Britons were still unknown last

night, when all but one body had been recovered. Mrs Whitemore's husband, Steve, 42, was among the survivors who were trapped for more than nvo hours before they could make their way to safety and alert rescuers.

The disaster happened on Friday. Four groups of 26 hikers made their way down the narrow gorge. Mrs Whitemore's group was the first to begin the almost three-hour descent, having driven to the top in two cars after parking their other vehicles in the wadi. They later allowed another group to overtake them, however.

Mrs Whitemore said in the Khoula Hospital in Muscat that the day had been hot and sunny when they set off, adding: There was no

indication of a storm to come. Part of the way down we could hear thunder and there were spots of rain. Three of the party decided to go on ahead to get back to our cars. About ten minutes after they left, the water began gushing down on us. We tried to scramble to higher ground to huddle together to keep warm. My husband tried to get back up but couldn't. He was being

rocks where we were." The party that had been earlier allowed to overtake was washed away by the force of the water. After the water subsided the

washed away but grasped on to the

survivors managed to get back to their cars. With the help of a local guide they reached the town of Rustaq, where they alerted the Royal Oman Police and British Embassy about eight hours after the

After being examined at the local hospital survivors were transferred the 100 miles to Muscat. Ben Lyster-Binns, spokesman for the British Embassy in Muscat, said: "It was a localised flash flood which just tragically happened to sweep down the gorge. The Royal Oman police have been excellent in mounting the search and rescue operation."

Before moving to the Middle East, Mr Deller served with the Royal Anglian Regiment for 17 years, travelling the world and achieving the rank of colour

His brother David, 43, said: "Andy had a week's holiday and a party had gone up there, I understand that Andy got four of the party and himself on to a rock as they were being swept down the ravine and was just pulling his friend up when more water came down and washed them away.

"That was my brother. He was a Continued on page 2, col 5

Too easy degrees 'lowering standards'

By David Charter, education correspondent

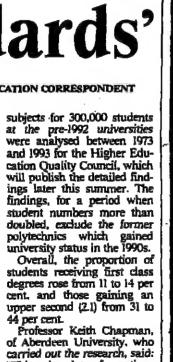
FEARS of a slide in university subjects for 300,000 students standards were fuelled yester- at the pre-1992 universities day by a study showing a were analysed between 1973 dramatic rise in the proporpast 20 years.

Nearly six out of every ten recent graduates gained a first or upper second class degree at the traditional universities compared to four in ten in the

The most striking change has been in history, with a 50 per cent rise in upper second class degrees. There were also big increases in first class degrees given for mathematics and physics, up from 12 per cent of students in each discipline to 20 and 22 per cent respectively.

George Walden, MP, a former higher education minister, said yesterday that such steep "grade inflation" masked real improvements and threatened to damage the value of a British degree. But leading academics defended the rise as a fair reflection of improving achievement.

Results in eight popular



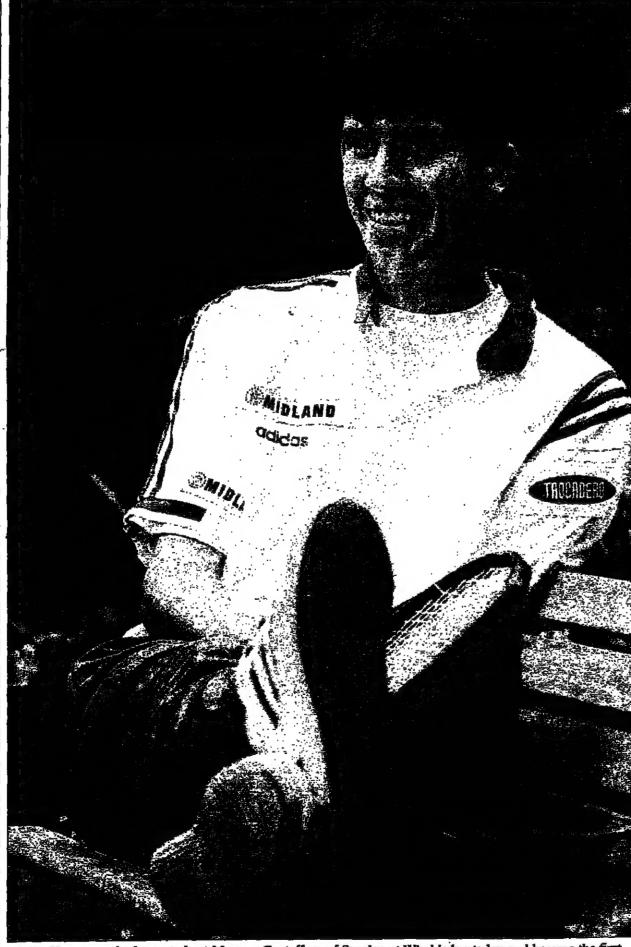
upper second (2.1) from 31 to 44 per cent. Professor Keith Chapman, of Abendeen University, who carried out the research, said: "This raises lots of questions which need answering. The assumption is that it is a confirmation of falling standards. I think that is probably part of it but there are other ways of answering this, in-cluding better teaching and

changing methods of assessment." Mr Walden said: "I would be very surprised if the improvement were at that level." He said grade inflation was

not surprising given successive rises in A level and GCSE results, adding: "It is possible both to have an improvement and to have inflation, but any inflation is disastrous. If you are going to dilute the one part of the British education system which stands up to international comparison, you are doing it a great disservice." The Times disclosed in May

that some overseas governments, including Singapore Malaysia, operated "whitelists" of approved universities in some subjects Continued on page 2, col 3

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Tim Henman, who hopes to beat Magnus Gustaffson of Sweden at Wimbledon today and become the first Briton to reach the men's singles quarter-finals in 23 years. Medical Briefing, page 11; Wimbledon, pages 34, 35

A woman's place in the Test Match commentary team

By EMMA WILKINS

THE daughter of Dennis Potter was tipped yesterday to become the BBC's first woman cricket commentator.

Sarah Potter, 34, daughter of the late playwright, is delighted that the BBC has decided to recruit more women sports commentators. A former England women's cricket all-rounder, Ms Potter said she would love to join the Test Match Special team for sticky buns and ball-by-ball analysis in the Radio 4 com-

mentary box. "I think it's a wonderful idea in principle and not before its time. There's no reason why a woman can't commentate on the men's game so long as she has good knowledge and a passion for

Ms Potter, who has already commentated on cricker for Sky television, scored a century against India in the women's Test of 1986. She now runs her father's television production company from her home in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. "I used to talk to Dad

about getting more involved in cricket broadcasting and he thought it would be a good thing to do. It makes me smile now because I said it would never happen."

The current Test Match Special team is made up of Jonathan Agnew, Christopher Martin-Jenkins and Henry Blofeld. Their discussions often range beyond cricket to the activities of the crowd or the direction of passing pigeons. Schoolboy pranks, such as asking an important question just as a colleague takes a

large mouthful of sticky bun, sent as tea-time treats by a keen female radio audience, have largely passed away with their chief proponent, Brian Johnston.

Peter Baxter, the producer of Test Match Special, which includes the Prime Minister among its fans, said he was willing to invite a woman into the commentary box if a vacancy arose and she knew as much about cricket as the men. "If I were looking for any commentators then a woman would be nice," he said.



Sarah Potter: delighted

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Hill pulls away from rivals with victory in France

BY JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

DAMON HILL stretched his lead in the Formula One world championship to 25 points yesterday when he won the French Grand Prix at Magny-Cours, after the en-gine of Michael Schumacher, his great German rival, blew up on the warm-up lap. Hill's team-mate, Jacques

Villeneuve, followed the Briton home, 8.1 seconds behind him. It was the fourth time this season that Williams-Renault have taken the top two places. In the world championship standings, Hill has 63 points, Villeneuve 38

Hill said afterwards that he was "stummed but delighted" by his victory. "You get prepared for the race, you go through all the permutations and then Michael goes off on the parade lap in front of you. It is not what you expect.

"It clearly changed my thinking for the race. But I still had to make a good start and it's easy to get distracted when something like that happens. It made my race easier, but I was a bit worried because the engine blew up in a big way

and left a huge oil slick and I had to back off because it was spraying on to my visor," Hill

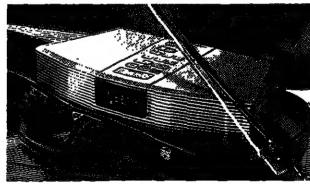
Schumacher, twice world champion and the fastest qualifier in practice, said he had thought that Ferrari would have problems with the car's reliability at the start of the season. "Instead, we are encountering problems now. But we must grit our teeth and continue to push on."

Jean Alesi and Gerhard Berger came third and fourth in their Benettons while the remaining championship Hakkinen and David Coulthard, both in McLarens.

Johnny Herbert, of Britain, was disqualified from eleventh place when stewards discovered that his Sauber-Ford car had broken technical regulations. His deflector panels on the aerodynamic bodywork of the car were 15cm too

The next race is the British Grand Prix at Silverstone on July 14.

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JOHN REDWOOD inter-vened last night in the deepening dispute over the Government's proposal to sell Armed Forces accommodation, with an appeal for minis-ters to draw up a deal with

Mr Redwood said that tenants should not be moved out of their houses against their

In what will be seen as a clash with Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, the failed Tory leadership contender called on ministers to prevent a damaging revolt by reaching a compromise.

Tory backbenchers were furious yesterday that ministers appeared to have backed down on assurances that mar-ried personnel would not be forced out of their homes by the £1.6 billion sell-off. Last week John Major made

be made to move from the 58,000 homes being offered to developers. The homes would be rented back by the Ministry of Defence.

But yesterday James Ar-buthnot, the Defence Procurement Minister, would only say: "No family will be forced to move without being given comparable accommodations Service families are used to moving every two or three years as part of the requirements of the job."

Backbenchers retaliated by saying that unless the Government took the plans back to the drawing board, they would join forces with the Labour front bench which is opposed to the sell-off.

Mr Redwood pointed out that the homes could still be sold to the private sector with a written agreement that the

The Government could then raise the money while making sure that the tenant is not badly treated," he said.

Mr Redwood's aides made it clear that he had not signed the Commons early day motion condemning the move last week in case it was interpreted as a slight against Mr Portillo But they said Mr Redwood felt keenly that the Government should "honour those who served the Crown".

Potential rebels are to meet Mr Portillo on Wednesday to argue their case. If they cannot make him change his mind, they are hoping that a stalling amendment to the Housing Bill in the House of Lords next reek will be successful. Also, Labour have promised to try-to force a vote on the issue Jonathan Aitken, the former



Portillo: to meet the rebels this week

Defence Minister, fuelled the argument yesterday by accusing the rebels of pursuing a personal attack on Mr Portillo. Mr Aitken made it clear that he thought some of the 60 Tory backbenchers who

ruin Mr Portillo's political

There is a sort of slight game of Portillo-bashing in some quarters. Some people may be playing that game and I would regret that if it was true. There is an anxiety in the corridors of Westminster that one or two of them have joined in because it makes life difficult for Michael Portillo," he

"Mr Portillo's plans are admirable. The status quo is virtually indefensible because of the unacceptably high number of empty houses and houses in poor condition. The sale will enable money to be

spent on upgrading."

The leading rebels over the privatisation have been Julian Brazier and Iain Duncan-Smith, both supporters of Mr Redwood, who is Mr Portillo's

Liberal Democrat spokesm on defence, said: "Mr Aitker is an extraordinary admis-sion. It will be deeply damaging to service morale that the sale of the married quarters of the Armed Services has be-

come an issue between the rival Redwood and Portillo amps.
"The Tory party should be concentrating on the welfare of our forces and not the welfare of its post-election

leadership contenders."

Mr Brazier, Tory MP for
Canterbury, last night denied the attacks were personal. He said that the 60 signatories had come from all sides of the party. "I have been speaking up for the Royal British Legion and the Army Families Feder-ation for years and have absolutely no interest in 'bash-ing' Michael Portillo," he said.

Labour NEC seeks power to remove disloyal MPs

LABOUR Party chiefs are planning to assume new pow-ers to silence dissenting MPs who consistently speak out against Tony Blair or his policies. Discontent over Mr Blair's allegedly authoritarian style of leadership and his determination to modernise policy risks overshadowing Thursday's launch of Labour's draft manifesto.

Labour's ruling body is planning to seek powers al-lowing it to block troublesome MPs from being re-selected. MPs who repeatedly criticised Mr Blair or party policy during a Labour administration might not be endorsed by the National Executive Committee for re-selection at the next general election. At present the NEC can

withhold endorsement once a

candidate has been selected but does not have powers to impose or block shortlists apart from exceptional cases. The proposed new powers, which would also apply to new candidates seeking selection, would have to be approved by the party conference. There must be a minimum requirement in terms of behaviour," said a party spokesman. "If this is clearly breached the NEC would have a reserve

The move will fuel the party rebellion prompted by Mr Blair's plan to hold a referendum on a Scottish parliament and his decision to abandon Labour's commitment to improve the basic state pension. At the weekend, two more

power not to re-endorse."

Tony Banks, MP for Newham North West joined Paul Flynn, MP for Newport, in warning Mr. Blair, against imposing new policy without consultation

"Our willingness to win shouldn't be taken as a licence by the leadership to walk all over us. If you dump on your friends when the going gets tough they don't deliver, "said Mr Banks. Speaking on ITV's Crosstalk, Mr Banks said that the party had moved so far to the right that it could no longer be described as socialist but was becoming more more like "a model two Conservative party."

Mr Flynn has written to Mr Blair, accusing new Labour of "hypocrisy and naked oppor-tunism". Mr Flynn yesterday denied that he was threatening to quit the party and said he would continue to speak out about his concerns. He was not concerned about the new powers the NEC was seeking: "I have an inveterate habit for telling the truth which I will continue to do."

Today Harriet Harman, the Shadow Health secretary, will make Labour's last policy announcement before the draft manifesto is published with a pledge to transfer £100 million spent on NHS bureaucracy to fund 100,000 operations. Ms Harman will announce that Labour will impose a new ceiling on management costs.

Peter Riddell, page 22



A wrecked vehicle in Snake Gorge, Oman, after the flood that killed five Britons

Britons killed in Oman

Continued from page 1 courageous and brave man. He was always very active and a keen sportsman. He was very well thought of by everyone that knew him. I am

Mr Deller, a bu said that Rachel Elson, his brother's girlfriend, had been due to fly to Oman last week but had to cancel the trip because she had been unable to get on a return flight. Miss Elson, who works for Virgin Atlantic at Gatwick Airport, was being comforted by friends last night at her home in Lindfield, Sussex. Those who died left Muscat

during the Islamic weekend on Friday for a one-day trek to Snake Gorge, whose stark

beauty makes it popular with walkers. "It is an extremely harsh, mountainous environment of stark beauty on 2 great scale," said a British diplomat who has trekked through the gorge. "It's nar-row and very rocky in parts, you have to be reasonably fit

Wadi-bashing is one of the most popular activities of the hundreds of ex-patriates and growing numbers of tourists to the Gulf State. Wadis fan . out from spectacular ravines in the Jabei Akhdar or Green Mountians, which surround the populated Northern coast of Oman and the arid desert of the Wahiba sands. The Omani Government is now gradually encouraging tourism to the gorges, ravines and cases around Rustaq, where the accident happened. Until 1970, when Sultan Qaboos Bin Said, English

educated and a graduate of Sandhurst ousted his repressive father. Oman was one of the least known and most isolated countries in the world. Now, apart from several bundred foreign, mainly British, workers the number of tourists is growing steadily as the country gradually increases its hotel and tourist facilities. Tour operators such as British Airways Holidays and Tour Worldwide, now take hundreds of holidaymakers a month to the luxury hotels in Muscat before taking them on organised visits.

RSPCA's charity status in danger

By MICHAEL HORNSBY

THE RSPCA is heading for a show-down with the Charity Commission over moves to exclude supporters of foxhunting and deer-hunting

from its membership.
In a long-running tussie ety has aiready been forced to drop its 19-year-old commitment to animal rights to safeguard its charitable status, it emerged at the weekend. The society wants to be able to require members to sign a declaration stating that they do not participate in any activity which is considered by the society to involve avoid able suffering to animals".

A motion calling for the membership rules to be changed along these lines was passed by 432 votes to 2 with 1 abstention at the society's an-nual meeting on June 22. "We are considering a request for the rule change," a Charity Commission spokesman said. "But we cannot say when we will be able to give an

over the past three months up to 3,000 supporters of the British Field Sports Society have joined the RSPCA in a strategy aimed at countering what they see as the undue influence of extremists in the properties. organisation. Pro-hunting "entryists" account for about 10 per cent of paid-up membership, but had not been members long enough to have acquired the right to vote at

the June 22 meeting. Richard Ryder, a member of the RSPCA council and a former chairman of its campaigns committee, said: "It is absurd for an organisation of the size and importance of the RSPCA to be raising money from the public which it cannot then use for the ourposes for which it was collected. If we are refused permission to change the membership rules we will have a crisis which can only be

solved by the Government." Lord Mancroft, deputy chairman of the BFSS, who has written to The Times today, said: "Animal rights is a political doctrine which says that animals should have the same rights as human beings. This would rule out medical research on animals and, logically, all ownership or exploitation of animals by humans. It would mean the end of

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Fears of fall in university degree standards

Continued from page 1 because of fears over falling standards. However, Professor Jonathan Steinberg, chairman of the history. faculty at Cambridge, said: "I have been in this business 30 years and there has been absolutely no diminution of what we offer."

He added: "A-level results have gone up and up too and you have to have at least three Bs to get into university for history now. The result is that this is the hardest-working generation of

"It is now thought to be a failure to

get a 2.2 (lower second class). There are literally no thirds left now and it is not because of different standards, it is because this generation is under greater pressure. They are really-

worried they won't get jobs."
Rises in GCSE and A-level grades have stirred a similar dispute over whether students are performing better or standards are slipping. Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, ordered an investigation of A-level standards last August which has yet to report. But Sir Ron Dearing, in his review of qualifications earlier this year, said that it was harder to get top A-level grades in mathematics and science than in English and business studies. Sir Ron will look at degree standards as part of his review of higher education.

Professor Chapman's study found. that the most common class of degree in all eight subjects in 1973 was a lower second. By 1993, students in accountancy, biology, French, history, physicsand politics were most often awarded upper seconds.

He also found that far more firsts and thirds were awarded in civil engineering, maths, and physics than in French, history or politics. University departments tended to remain consistent in their pattern of grading

Over the 20-year period, the propor tion of students gaining firsts or 2.1s in politics rose from 36 to 60 per cent. Other findings were: accountancy 43 to 52 per cent; biology 44 to 60; civil engineering 35 to 41; French 44 to 57; history 47 to 68; mathematics 33 to 48; physics 36 to 52.

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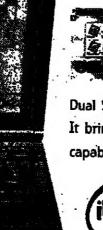
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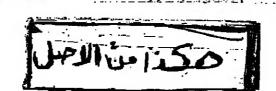
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Interest is not just academic as Oxford calls in £140 loan to Edward IV

College presents the Queen with a bill owed for five centuries

By PETER FOSTER

AN Oxford college is asking the Queen to repay a royal loan which has been outstanding for more than 500 years. The bill is for El40 — plus

Historians and financial experts say that the figure claimed by New College is almost impossible to calculate at today's prices. Last night a number of estimates varied anywhere between £53,000 and £168 billion.

College records show that Edward IV borrowed £240 from its treasure trove in 1461. He paid back £100 on January 101463, but the balance of £140 has remained outstanding. The debt is recorded by archive 4961 in a latin memorandum which reads: "On the 18th July 1461 £240 was taken out of the big sum given by the founder for looking after our new property and was handed over to Edward IV by way of a

Dr Joshua Silver, sub-warden of New College, wrote to Buckingham Palace in April to ask for help in recovering the

In a letter to Sir Robert

Fellowes, the Queen's private



Edward IV: attracted by the treasure trove

when the outstanding amount is finally repaid, the College would be expecting allowance to be made for the long period of time which has elapsed since the original loan."

After sending a polite re-minder to Sir Robert, Dr Silver received a reply thank-ing him for his letter but saying there was no record of the loan in the royal archives. Yesterday, the Palace reiterat-

secretary, he said: "Naturally,

From the memo in archive 4961: Memorandum: quod decimo octavo DA julii ammo domini MCCCCLXI extracta erant de summa magna collata per fundatorem pro conservatione novium victuum sub via mutui tradita domino regi Eduardo Quarto CCXL.

Memorandum: On the 18th July 1461. £240 was taken out of the big sum given by the founder for looking after our new property and was handed over to Edward IV by way of a

debt and refused to speculate whether any money would be

A spokeswoman said that any paperwork on a 535-year-old loan was unlikely to be complete, and that the debt was a matter for the parties

The exact value of the loan at today's prices was provid-ing a challenge to the experts

Caroline Dalton, the archivist at New College, used the prices of wheat, hay, slate, and bricks in 1463 to work out how much it would cost to buy equivalent quantities in 1996. From this, she estimated that the £140 owed in 1463 was worth nearly £400,000 in 1996 - not incuding any interest the college may have charged over the years.

Justin Urquhart Stewart, director of Barclays stock brokers in London, came up with a more conservative 1996 value of £53,515 using the Bank of England's table of equivalent values of the pound from 1270. but his office found it impossible to calculate the compound interest owed on the loan because of the fluctuating value of the pound over the centuries.

Dr Silver's own calculations, charging the Crown four per cent interest over 533 years, showed the College was owed £168 billion.

Even a more lenient rate of two per cent would give New College £5.37 million which, Dr Silver said, would be just about enough to modernise the college founded by William of Wykeham in 1379.

He added: "There is a myth in the oral tradition of the college that William put a huge sum of money in a chest as an emergency fund known was kept locked in our Muni-



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ment Tower. The myth then said a king got to hear about the £2,000 fund and pinched

"Having investigated the true background to the treasure, I thought it might be about time to see whether the Crown would be prepared to pay back the outstanding

"Although we still have a reasonable endowment, the college is a National Treasure savagery, but also of wisdom been able to repay the debt by holds in trust for which is a very expensive in governmental reforms the time of his death in 1483.

The college records give no clue as to why Edward borrowed such a substantial sum

place to keep up without any

money from Government."

of money in the first year of his A Yorkist, Edward secured the throne after defeating

Henry VI, a Lancastrian, during the lengthy Wars of the

which in may ways foreshadowed the work of the Tudors, who were to take over the throne after defeating his younger and maligned brother Richard III, who reigned for

What is clear is that Edward - renowned for his good looks and also for his insatiable womanising - amassed sufficient funds from his invasion of France in 1475 to have easily

At the Treaty of Picquigny, he agreed to withdraw from France for a downpayment of 75,000 gold crowns and a pension of 50,000 gold crowns

The Queen's modern wealth has been estimated at £450 million, although there has been repeated disagreement over how much of this can be counted as her personal wealth, and how much she

Princess settles for birthday at home

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE Princess of Wales will celebrate her thirty-fifth birthday today by entertaining Prince William at Kensington Palace. She will remain in the dark over what divorce settlement she may be offered by her estranged husband.

Weekend speculation clung to the coattails of a report in The Times on Saturday that the Princess's lawyers were growing exasperated by the long silence from their counterparts acting for the Prince. There was no indication yesterday that further negotiations were imminent although it is thought both sides would like the matter concluded by July 29, the couple's fifteenth wedding anniversary.

Fiona Shackleton, solicitor acting for the Prince, and Anthony Julius, for the Princess, have been ordered by the Queen to conduct their negoti-There was no confirmation of a suggestion yesterday that the Prince would raise a bank loan to appease the Princess with a one-off settlement. when he would have preferred

to make annual payments. The Prince pays the Princess about £1 million a year from his Duchy of Cornwall income, which last year totalled E3.9 million after tax. He would be unable to raise a capital sum equivalent to the EJ5-E20 million the divorce is likely to cost and even the to find such a sum all at once. money by selling some of the duchy's holdings would require a change in the law, because he is obliged to hold the estate in trust for future heirs to the throne.

The Princess is believed anxious to settle and has offered to give up the title of Her Royal Highness, which many would wish to see her retain as mother of the future king. The Queen is also keen for a quick settlement.

If the Prince's solicitors come up with firm proposals, and the Princess's side accepts them, matters could move with great speed. If the Princess does not agree, the whole episode could drag on for another five years. does not take place by consent.

Corruption inquiry ends after jailing of detective

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

SCOTLAND YARD is closing down a £1.5 million corruption investigation after John Donald, a drug squad detective, was jailed last week for selling secrets from his unit.

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The Yard confirmed yesterday that Operation Gallery. run by the complaints investigation bureau, is winding up. Donald, 37, is the only officer to be charged after 22 officers from the south-east regional crime squad and the National Criminal Intelligence Service were questioned.

Donald was a detective constable on secondment to the crime squad and a highly experienced drugs investigafor with four years' street work behind him. He was arrested after an investigation by BBC Television's Panorama programme and convicted of receiving £18,000 and passing police material to Kevin Cressey, a professional criminal. Donald passed on information including details of investigations into Kenneth Noye, acquitted of killing a policeman during the £26 million Brink's-Mat bullion robbery, and now wanted for questioning about the M25 road rage murder.

from the squad in corruption. The statement denied that

would have been taken. Donald is also expected to

in a statement yesterday the regional crime squad said the disgraced detective had been seen by officers from the Yard's complaints investigation bureau while he was awaiting sentence. The statement said he was "unable or unwilling to provide any corroborative evidence" proving the involvement of anyone

Donald had provided a list of corrupt officers. It said that if he had "named names" action

Northumbria detectives investigating the leak of sensitive material from the National Criminal Intelligence Service.

Two officers who worked with Donald are under investigation for allegations completely separate from Operation Gallery or the NCIS inquiry. Both men were cleared by investigators of any involvement with Donald or the corruption allegations.

Detective Sergeant Alec immediate superior, is being investigated over allegations including involvement with a security firm. Detective Sergeant Tom Bradley, who once worked at NCIS providing intelligence material to Donald's unit, is being investigated for allegedly moonlighting and working as part of a security team for Reg Grundy, the Australian television

Boy, 9, dies after saving blaze family

A BOY aged nine died in a fire at his home after helping his family to escape. Neighbours said that Sean Evans might have been trying to rescue a pet dog, which was found safe behind a television set.

The boy raised the alarm after the fire began at the house in Birkenhead, Merseyside, while he was having breakfast. He closed the door on two children to keep the fire at bay and rushed upstairs to alert his parents, who were in bed. They fled down a ladder with their youngest child, then smashed a downstairs window to get the other two children.

The dead boy was apparently trapped by a "blowtorch" effect as the fire raced up the stairwell and burst out of the windows of the house. His body was found in a bedroom. His parents and siblings,

aged between six and 11, were treated in hospital for smoke inhalation and shock.

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Lack of breeding killed Neanderthals found in today's Europeans, date back considerably earlier

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

from hunter-gatherers who first colonised the Continent 40,000 years ago, a new genetic analysis has shown. The study is likely to be the final mail in the coffin of Neanderthal Man, who occu-

pied Europe for half a million years. No trace of Neanderthal lineage can be found in modern Europeans, supporting the view that the two groups did not interbreed and Neanderthals became extinct after occupying the Continent for half a million years. More controversially, the

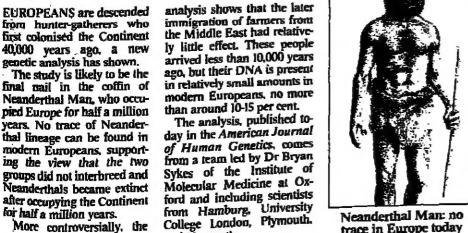
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and Newcastle.



Neanderthal Man: no trace in Europe today

that population originated. The team found that the DNA in their samples could be classified into five broad groups, each with an origin at different times. The oldest group appears to have originated some 50,000 years ago, the youngest about 6,000

By far the commonest sible to work out the length of time that has elapsed since of the variations placed totally by him.



agriculture came to Europe by a process of education rather than population displacement. The hunter-gath-

crops from the incoming wave of farmers, but were not replaced by them. These two groups then inter-bred, producing today's population mix. As for the

Neanderthals, they neither learnt from the incomers por bred with them, losing out to modern man and being re-

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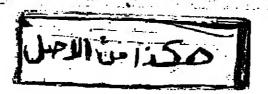
Driver error accounts for most of the 3,500 deaths on . the road each year. However studies have already shown

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Police seal roads in effort to cut off terrorists' escape

By Roger Boyes in Osnabrück and Michael Evans, defence correspondent

a web of security controls on roads leading to The Netherlands in an effort to catch the IRA team that launched three mortar bombs at the British Army barracks

in Osnabrück. Scotland Yard anti-terrorist detectives have also flown to Osnabrück and 50 military policemen are helping in the manhunt. Security at all British barracks in Germany was under review yesterday after the attack on Friday night.

The frequency of armed patrols around the perimeters if the bases in Germany has been increased, although an army spokesman stressed there was little that could have been done to prevent the

"There was no security breach," he said. "These are public roads and this is just one of those situations which it is very hard to guard against." Army sources confirmed

that there had been no indication of an imminent terrorist threat to barracks in Germany. The last IRA attack in Germany was in June 1990. Brigadier Richard Dannatt,

the garrison commander in Osnabrūck whose car was damaged in the blast, said: "The investigations are still in their initial phase but the attack bears the hallmarks of

As the German police re-moved the white Ford Transit flat-bed truck, from which the three mortar bombs were launched, for further forensic examination, soldiers at the British barracks finished clearing up the mess caused by the single bomb that exploded. One of the mortar bombs fell harmlessly out of its launcher onto the ground next to the truck. A second reached the fence but failed to explode and the third pene-

GERMAN police have thrown trated about 15 yards into the damaged. By yesterday the base.

contrary to some reports, the as normal. truck had not been boobytrapped to explode after the mortars were launched. The truck, which has false British number plates, G74 OHD, will provide helpful leads for the German police in trying to trace the IRA suspects who parked the vehicle close to the perimeter fence at Quebec barracks in Osnabrück.

MI5 has been warning consistently of the likelihood of further bomb attacks, although intelligence information was not sufficiently precise to indicate what form



they might take. The IRA has always had the capability to change tactics and, during the present round of attacks, it has switched from major shopping areas to low-profile targets.

The list of potential targets found at the home of Edward O'Brien, the IRA bomber who was killed in February when his bomb detonated prematurely on a double-decker bus in the Aldwych in London, included military bases.

Army sources in Germany said the mortar attack on Friday broke a number of windows and damaged some parked cars. Windows at the St Edmund's Roman Catholic church inside the base were

windows had been boarded up Army sources said that, and services were conducted

The most likely escape route for the IRA terrorists, used by other bombing units in the past, was into The Netherlands, where there are no border controls. German police have been unable to

identify the getaway vehicle.
Rolf Hannich, spokesman for the German intelligence unit BKA, said the explosions had taken Germans living in Osnabrūck by surprise.

The British soldiers who live in the barracks knew that bombs were going off in London and Manchester and security was stepped up after the Canary Wharf bomb," he John Bruton, the Irish

Prime Minister, said the IRA's continuing campaign of violence was "utterly pointless and self-defeating". He urged the IRA to consider the effect the Osnabrück

and Manchester attacks had on the willingness of other political parties to sit down with Sinn Fein at peace talks. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, said Britain would

be seeking international sup-

port for new measures to fight terrorism, including creating "centres of excellence" to share Speaking on BBC's Break-fast with Frost programme, Mr Howard said that at a meeting of G7 ministers on terrorism in Paris later this month, Britain would be

putting forward a series of proposals for making extradi-tion more effective. The Government would also propose excluding from consideration for refugee status those who planned, incited or financed

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Heike Grosser and her two-year-old son Jan at a broken window in their house in Osnabrück after the IRA mortar attack on the British barracks on Friday

Identity cards will not be compulsory

Michael Howard will announce his decision on identity cards next month and is likely to push for a voluntary scheme. The Home Secretary has won Cabinet backing for the credit card-sized documents to be used as passports. His plans will be unveiled as his response to a report by the Home Affairs Select Committee, which is expected to Home Affairs Select Committee, which is expected to endorse voluntary eards this week. Among witnesses to the committee's inquiry, including civil liberties groups and police, there was little support for compulsion. In the Cabinet, Mr Howard and John Major were previously said to favour a compulsory system but Peter Lilley, Social Security Secretary, and Michael Forsyth, Scottish Secretary, felt it would be anti-libertarian.

PoW breakthrough hope

Two former prisoners of war travelled to Tokyo yesterday optimistic of a breakthrough in their campaign for compensation for mistreatment during the Second World War. Arthur Titherington, 74, and Keith Martin hope to discuss a settlement with the Prime Minister, Ryutaro Hashimoto. They will also attend an important pre-trial hearing at the equivalent of the High Court.

Rail firms 'overcharge'

Privatised rail companies overcharge for tickets and fail to provide the cheapest available fare in up to 87 per cent of provide the eneapest available lare in up to or per cent of cases, according to a survey. The Consumers' Association repeated a survey carried out six months ago which found overpricing at 90 per cent. It shows the companies have ignored warnings that they would be fined if they continued to breach the rules.

Station masters, page 11

Coach driver accused

A coach driver is to appear before magistrates at Folkestone today, accused of attempting to smuggle 150kg of cannabis into Britain. Frank Alvey, 42, of Hemlington, Middlesbrough, was charged after a haul worth 5500,000 was allegedly found during a spot-check on a vehicle bringing a school group home to Cumbernauld, Lanarkshire, after a week-long European visit.

Art theft ring cracked

British undercover police methods have led to the breaking up of an international art theft ring and the recovery of Old Masters. Fourteen paintings, including works by Canaletto and Tintoretto, have been returned to locations in the former Carcheslovakia after expensation between relies former Czechoslovakia after co-operation between police in London, Germany and the Czech Republic. Three people

Barn egg prices cut

Safeway is to cut the price of barn eggs, selling them for no more than those produced by battery hens, in an effort to improve poultry welfare standards. Barn eggs account for only about 5 per cent of Safeway's sales but the chain hopes the proportion will rise to 50 per cent within six months of the new price being introduced on July 22. The eggs will carry an endorsement from the RSPCA.



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JULY 1, 1916: THE BATTLE REMEMBERED - 'I must come back, for the sake of my friends who lie here' - Donald Hodge, aged 101



THE last handful of Somme veterans will gather in the northern French countryside today to pay their respects to their comrades who died in the First World War battle 80 years ago (Michael Evans writes).

The service of remembrance at Thiepval, where much of the fighting took place, will be attended by dozens of VIPs, but only the veterans will truly appreciate the significance of the 80th anniversary of a battle which raged for four and a half months in 1916 and destroyed the flower of Britain's man-hood. At the end, 419.654 British and empire forces were dead or wounded: France suffered 204,253 casualties: Germany, anything between 437,000 and 680,000. The furthest British advance was 12 kilometres.

Although it is accepted that there were more than one million casualties on both sides, the counting system for the wounded varied between the allied forces and the Germans.

The Duke of Gloucester will repre-

sent the Queen at the service and yesterday the Ministry of Defence announced that General Sir Michael Rose, the Army's Adjutant-General. would attending the ceremony. Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, had not been invited to the commemorations, said an MoD source, partly because "no single organisation was

responsible for the anniversary". Veterans returned to the battlefield area yesterday, some for the first time since 1916. Standing beside a memorial

in the cemetery at Arras, Donald Hodge, 101, who served with the Royal West Kent Regiment, said: "I must come back for the sake of my friends who lie here. It is thanksgiving for our own preservation, a remembrance for our friends. We were very, very close, we trained together, we marched together, we fought together. We were closer than brothers but you learnt to lose friends without unduly grieving. otherwise we would have gone mad."

Mike Lally, 102, who served with the

Manchester Regiment, had never been back to the Somme after being evacuated as a casualty in 1916. He said: "They threw so many men into these fields in that battle, it was a complete waste."

Norman Booth, 100, a 1914 volunteer with the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, and also on his first visit, said: To see all those lads slaughtered in that swamp, it made me very angry. It still does. I think about the war a lot, more so at times like this. The memories get stronger every year."

Tears in some corner of a foreign field



Anthony Loyd, who has covered modern conflicts for The Times, retraces the footsteps of his great-grandfather, who won a VC at the Somme

A SADNESS steals upon me as my feet turn the chalk and the rusted shards of shrapnel beneath the fields of wheat outside La Boisselle. Church bells peel in the distance and larks sing over the idle buzz of traffic from the road running through the Picardy village. Yet no sound compensates for the unnatural sense of stillness. The soft, undulating roll of the land seems bereft of something, bleached of feature

Eighty years before me, almost to the day, my great-grandfather, Adrian Carton De Wiart, trod this same soil. At the age of 36, a black patch covering his missing eye, the left-hand sleeve of his jacket empty from the injuries of his earlier military career in South Africa and Somalia, he led his men forward on the eve of their entry to the most cataclysmic tragedy of con-temporary British military history: the Battle of the



Somme. Carrying no more than a walking stick and a bag of grenades (he never carried a pistol as he could not trust himself not to shoot one of his own men in a fit of rage), within 24 hours he was to have lost nearly three-quarters of his men to shot and shell, but had succeeded in achieving a near impossible feat of arms, and earned himself the Vic-

toria Cross. Gone were the wheat and bean crops, the country roads and telephone lines. Obliterated too was every trace of the village before me. On July 2 1916, the landscape around them was a shredded rubble of shell-torn earth, sodden by the heavy rains of the previous

Scarcely a blade of grass remained on this brown, lunaresque landscape: no tree: no house; only snarts of wire, crumpled pickets, gas-soaked soil and shell-holes. Before them, rising at the

edge of a gentle depression known as "Mash Valley" to the troops, waited La Boisselle. Formerly a village, it was by then a complex of German bunkers and trenchlines, covered by fire on each approach from heavy machineguns, artillery of every description, infantrymen and undamaged waves of

A division of British troops had tried the day before, on July 1, to take the village. Despite the detonation of two enormous mines below German positions on each side of the objective — explosions that



Adrian Carton De Wiart led young volunteers into the maelstrom of La Boiselle in the battle of the Somme. "They knew casualties would be heavy," he wrote

Battalion the Gloucestershire Regiment had been trained to a minimal standard of military proficiency — an inexperience for which they compensated with an enthusiasm that was to die with them.

Though they knew they were going to have a bad time and that casualties would be heavy," Carton De Wiart later wrote, "they seemed not to have a care in the world and spent their free time playing games and behaving like schoolboys on a half-holiday."

Because of the nature of the narrow frontage on which they were to attack, with the German lines scarcely 150 yards away, Carton De Wiart could take only 20 of his officers and little over 400 men with him.

By dawn 302 were to be

dead, wounded or missing. The casualties included all the

BRITISH LINE

Beneath a dark sky, with the merest hint of a new moon, they waited in the forward trenches, lines already raked by German fire. At 3.15 on the morning of the 3rd, they moved forward.

What followed was a pre-dictable shambles. Each laden with up to 75lb of excess equipment, advancing uphill through a terrain that lunged under the fire about them, most were cut down within feet of their departure line. Somehow the survivors struggled on, led by Carton De Wiart, pulling out grenade pins with his teeth.

When they reached the German lines a savage mêlée

"AS FAR as you could see there was our lads laid out

there, dead and dying." It was chilling, and not a little affect-

German wire.

British guns that continued to fire upon the village. No longer a unit as such, the fight became one of desperate men drank it eagerly. groups of men closing upon

on July 1 1916

each other through the car-nage with bomb, bullet and bayonet. Three further battalions were committed to the struggle. The colonels of each. were killed or wounded almost immediately, and Carton

tering the survivors in attack after attack through the chaos. The fighting reached its peak at dawn, by which time the British troops had succeeded against desperate odds in. securing a point half-way through La Boisselle, only 400 metres away from their original position, a line they im-

De Wiart found himself mus-

NO MAN'S LAND

some water was got through to the attackers, it was brought in unrinsed petrol cans. The

By July 4, the last Germans were driven out. Thousands of British dead lay around the position that generals had expected to fall within a few

vived the First World War and saw active service in the second. He fought in Norway and was later taken prisoner en route for Yugoslavia in 1941. Released in 1943, he was appointed Churchill's personal representative to Chiang Kai-Shek in China. He retired in 1947, having been wounded-in action at least II times. He died in bed in Ireland in 1963. proved as the day progressed. I am not a stranger to war or. The day was hot and, though youthful death and am no

longer so easily moved by either. Yet before I left those killing fields, a young Frenchastonishment when by chance mentioned the name of Carton De Wiart and the regiment he led, "My God," the youth said. "Carton De Wiart, the wounded Belgian soldier? Many people around here know of him. He was a brave man, very brave. He stuck with his men whatever happened. Yes, we know of

So 80 years afterwards, outside an obscure village, a Frenchman in his 20s tells me of my great-grandfather and his unforgotten soldiers. I have seldom felt so moved and never so proud. Tears stung

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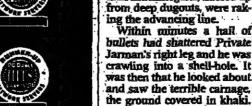
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dead or dying within half an hour 6 I never saw our lads again, except for one

They attacked at 7.30; 20,000 were

ing, to hear those words, in a bungalow in Surrey, from a man who was there, 80 years ago, on that first day of the Battle of the Somme. Clarrie Jarman, 100 last

month, went over the top with the Queen's Royal West Sur-reys, soon after 7.30am on July 1, 1916, to walk not much more than a hundred yards. across no man's land to the There were shells racing and hissing overhead," Mr Jarman recalled. The British infantry were advancing be-hind their artillery barrage, while the German batteries sent over volleys of shells and their machineguns, hauled up

Within minutes a hail of bullets had shattered Private Jarman's right leg and he was crawling into a shell-hole. It was then that he looked about and saw the terrible carnage, the ground covered in khaki. More than 20,000 British

or two in hospital 9

soldiers were killed on the for most of the day.
first day of the battle, most of ... Like his fellow infantrythem dead or dying by Sam on that sunny Saturday.

Military historians have

written enough about the reasons for the massacre. The human consequences however, during the first minutes of the advance, are still difficult to comprehend. Philip Warner has written how, in crossing the open ground in face of machinegun fire, "the infantry fell in swathes, like hay after a reaper". It would have been hay-making time on the first day of the Somme, when Clarrie Jarman was mown down he was to lie wounded on the battlefield for

the next 14 hours. "Get yer 'ead down!" were the last words Mr Jarman remembers bearing as he lay huddled in his shell-hole. losing blood from his wounds. He was unconscious

men, he would have been carrying a total weight in excess of 75lb — 14 Mills bombs groundsheet, rations, gas helmet and goggles, wirecutters, shovel, empty sandhags and 220 rounds of ammunition for his rifle. Since the Thursday he had been waiting in an assembly trench - the attack was postponed for 48 hours at the request of the French. "There wasn't much chance to sleep unless you sat on the firestep. I rigged up a corrugated iron shelter, as it was raining hard for much of that time."

The night before the advance, the infantrymen were assured they would have an easy stroll to the German lines, where very few of the enemy would be left alive. During that fateful half hour on the following morning Mr ty well wiped out". He said: "I never saw our lads again except for one or two in hospital in Abbeville, where I slept in a bed for the first time in 12 months."

Mr Jarman was found at dusk on July I by a member of the Royal Army Medical Corps; ten days later he was in hospital in Aberdeen, his leg was amputated above the knee. He had joined up in August 1914, as one of Kitchener's first hundred thousand. and was in the trenches for a year before the Somme battle. "I enjoyed the army life, the comradeship which you never get in civvy life," Mr Jarman said. "But I could have done without all those rats."

How did the war affect him? Was he not shellshocked and angry after the slaughter that he had witnessed? Did he come back from the front a changed man? Clarrie Jarman smiled and shook his head. "No, it didn't make much difference

SIMON COURTAULD

A Belfast riot on top of Vesuvius

THE sacrifice of thousands of Ulstermen on the first two days of the Somme has achieved legendary status in Northern Ireland. Some 5,500 men of the 36th

(Ulster) Division were killed or wounded on July 1 and 2 1916, when the young volunteers swept into no man's land in front of Thiepval Wood. One survivor described the

intense fighting as a "Belfast riot on top of Mount Vesuvius". Such was the soldiers' bravery that four posthumous Victoria Crosses were awarded to Ulstermen on the first day. The decision to form companies based on villages and streets meant that whole communities were wiped out. Volunteers from Armagh, Cavan and Monaghan sent 600 men over the top. Sixty-

four returned.
Private Herbert Beattie, not another grosvenor Rd fellow left but myself. Mother wee were tramping over the

6 We were tramping over the dead. If hell is any worse I would not like to go to it?

about 13 hundered . ; . Mother if God spers me to get home safe i will have something ufal to tell you. if hell is any wores i would not like to go to it."

One of the few surviving. Ulster Somme veterans recalls the battle so vividly that he still finds it too painful to talk about in detail. Robert Doggart, aged 100, who served with the 110th Field Ambulance, said: It is something I shall never forget. It was like a nightmare come of ladies at least". He told aged 17, from Belfast, wrote to true." Mr Doggart carried the Philip Orr, author of The his mother that "ther [sie] is wounded from an aid post Road to the Somme: "I think near the front to a dressing most intelligent people saw station further back. "We did the folly of the whole thing. We not stop for three days," he were sent out there to fight

dead. i think there is only said. "Many brave young men about 4 hundred left out of died." Mr Doggart, who is too frail to return to the Somme for the commemoration, is

cared for at the Somme Associ-

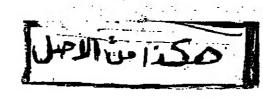
ation Hospital in East Belfast. Other survivors voiced bitterness about the sacrifices, and agreed they were "Lions led by dankeys". George Lindsay, from Co Londonderry, who survived the battle but who has since died, said that the average soldier's opinion of the General Staff was not fit for hearing, in the company

against people that we'd no grudge against and who couldn't help being in the same position as ourselves." The disillusion felt by thou-

sands of Ulster soldiers at the end of the war contrasted starkly with the way thousands answered the call by Sir Edward Carson, the father of Ulster Unionism, to join the war effort. Conscription was never introduced in Ireland, but Protestants and Roman Catholics from all over the country volunteered.

Although Carson denied that Ulster's loyalists joined up as a way of fighting off Home Rule, the huge sacrifice at the Somme was one of the main factors which gave the six Northern counties of Ireland an opt out from Home Rule in 1921. Police in Belfast yesterday prevented a loyalist Orange parade marking the anniversary of the Somme from passing through a na-tionalist area of the city.

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Bruton seeks to persuade Britain back into the fold

IN DUBLIN

IRELAND, one of the most Europhile nations in the European Union, opens its turn in the presidency today with ambitions to tackle unemployment and drugs and hopes of softening Britain's resistance to deeper integration.

Jacques Santer, the President of the European Commission, and his 19 commissioners gather with the Government of John Bruton in Dublin Castle this morning to launch a six-month stint that includes two summits and a tough December dead-line for a first draft of the revamped Maastricht treaty. As a small and enthusiastic

member as well as a big beneficiary of EU largesse. Ireland is deemed on the Continent to be well-suited to the task of breathing life into EU business after a stumbling Italian presidency that was distracted by domestic elec-tions and the crisis over British beef. Mr Bruton, whose country is enjoying a remarkable economic boom, says he is intensely aware of the need the Union is on their side.

The European public needs to see what Europe is doing in more personal terms," says. His top priorities are "a secure Europe, safe streets, some money in pockets and purses ... and jobs." As a model pupil of EU economics, highly likely to be in the vanguard of monetary union. Ireland is also eager to advance the preparations for launching EMU on schedule

Fighting the drugs traffic is a special goal. Mr Bruton wants to harmonise laws, high drugs entering the EU and increased spending on antidrug campaigns and the treat-

this front were starkly illustrated by the murder last week of Veronica Guerin, a Dublin reporter who was investigating the activities of local underworld barons.

A pledge to take action on sion and a regular and unfulfilled feature of new presidencies. EU leaders have just siapped down Mr Santer's



Dick Spring the Irish Foreign Minister, expressed relief that the beef crisis had been resolved

through EU-financed public works but he is expected to relaunch the scheme in Dub-

lin today.

The Irish are heading for a collision with Britain,
Germany and other states ent of addicts.

after demanding that an "unIreland's own troubles on employment chapter" be written into the revised Maastricht treaty. This scheme, also strongly favoured by the Noremployment committee, with the Commission monitoring the employment policies of

The plan is one of an array of battlegrounds in John Major's likely offensive next au-tumn to press Britain's antiintegration stance in the intertreaty negotiation which Ireland now chairs. As well as fearing an eruption in the beef war next autumn. Dublin is expecting a showdown over the outline treaty which it

must present in December. Mr Bruton says he believes that Ireland's shared background with Britain equips it to go some way to bridging the gap" between London and the Continent. He regards Mr Major's refusal to contemplate any dilution of the veto in favour of more qualified majority voting as a negotiating

Spring rules out changes over beef

THE Irish Government has

ban on British beef exports, during its EU presidency. Dick Spring, the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, said the five-stage olan to lift the ban on British beef, imposed after fears over egardiess of pressures on the British Government from

Euro-sceptics or farmers. Mr Spring said: "If people try to unravel that package — given the hostility in Europe and the difficulties there were putting this package together — you would open the crisis again." There were "dangers eradication measures, as the programme included a larger cull of cattle than Britain had envisaged. The Irish presi-dency intends keeping the plan on course so that the ban gradually lifted.

in an interview, Mr Spring said he was relieved that the BSE crisis had been resolved. It has cleared the way for Ireland to preside over some of the most difficult decisions the EU has to take as it prepares for further integration and to admit new mem-

But Mr Spring remains concerned at the possible impact of the Tory Euro-sceptics on British policy. There is a nagging doubt in the back of our minds about the attitude of the British Government to Europe. My personal view is that John Britain in Europe. But there is Party and that is a matter for the British Government. I hope that division will not make things more difficult." ☐ A counselling service is to be set up to help farmers cope with their worries over the impact on their livelihood of the crisis over BSE, it was announced yesterday, on the eve of the Royal Show, the annual showcase for British agriculture. The service will be based at the National Agricultural Centre, at Stoneleigh in Warwickshire, where

the show is held. The threat to the industry has east a shadow over this year's event, to be opened today by Franz Fischler, the European Agriculture Commissioner, whom many farmers blame for their troubles. He will share the rostrum with Douglas Hogg, the em-battled Agriculture Minister. Beef farmers have suffered hadly from falling cattle prices. Dairy farmers are deeply anxious about the cull

Controversy over single currency mars Italian self-congratulation

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

ITALY handed the EU baton to Ireland yesterday after a six-month presidency salvaged by Italian diplomatic skills despite the disruption of an election campaign. But the handover left Italians fearful that they would not be among the "big league" EU nations qualifying for the single

Mario Monti, the Italian EU Commissioner for the Internal Market, infuriated Professor Romano Prodi, the Prime Minister, at the weekend by predicting that the lira could not merge with the proposed single currency by the 1999 target date. He said it would have to take its place in the queue of "second division" currencies waiting to join.

Signor Prodi's plans to reduce inflation and the budget deficit may be seen as too modest by monetary officials examining single currency credentials, and as too severe by the leftwingers on whose support he depends in

parliament. Italy gave up the EU chair with some relief as the nation headed for the beaches to

forget temporarily European and economic worries. The press hailed Signor Prodi's performance at the EU summit in Florence a week ago and the G7 summit in Lyons as masterly. "Our small but shrewd Prime Minister has won international respect,"

L'Espresso said.
"Italy does not count for nothing,' Signor Prodi de-clared proudly as he returned to Rome from Lyons. "Our economic weight is equal to Britain's and almost equal to that of France, which gives us a certain role and

Garda in crisis over crime barons who live beyond reach of the law

By Nicholas Watt, chief ireland correspondent

IRISH police are facing one of their gravest crises since the founding of the state 75 years ago, as they grapple with the the rising drugs trade and the investigation into the murder of the investigative journalist Veronica Guerin.

Known criminals, including the alleged drugs dealer suspected of ordering the murder of Ms Guerin last week, are able to live openly lavish lifestyles beyond the reach of

Aroid deep public concern at the perceived failure of the police to cope with the crime wave, a senior political source in Dublin admitted that the Garda Siochana was "going through one of the worst periods in its history — a series of incidents is chipping away at the public perception of the Garda, There has been a lot of good work in seizing drugs

and IRA weaponry, but there has also been a lot of bad." Ministers will attempt to seize the initiative on policing shortly when they announce a new Garda Commissioner to succeed Patrick Culligan, who retires this month:

It is understood that Nora Owen, the Justice Minister, will recommend that the Cabinet appoints Pat Byrne, 50. One of two deputy commis-sioners and the force's head of operations, he is highly rated by senior ministers and respected for his operational

Opposition politicians say it is wrong to focus criticism soley on the police. They point out that the Government's failure to announce a new Garda Commissioner weeks before Mr Culligan's retirement underlines the inability of ministers to deal with the



Veronica Guerin: named a well-known criminal

law-and-order crisis. The opposition describes as "too little, too late" a series of measures announced last week by John Bruton, the Prime Minister, which include a referendum to tighten the bail laws and plans to restrict the right of silence for suspected drugs dealers.

Tony Gregory, an indepen-dent MP in Dublin Central, yesterday launched a scathing attack on successive govern-ments and the police. He said: "The drug problem has been permitted to fester out of control. If there has been any official policy, it has been one

of containment." Mr Gregory dismissed claims made by the Govern-

ment last year that it would wage a fight against the "drugs scourge". He said that a promised "drugs supremo" to combat the illegal trade never materialised and that financial measures against drugs barons have failed because they depend on charges and convictions against the criminals.

A member of the public provided the most stinging criticism of successive Governments. Amid hundreds of bouquets of flowers left outside the Irish Parliament in memory of Ms Guerin, one note read simply: Died because of government inaction."

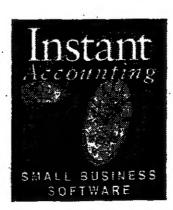
The deep anguish felt throughout Ireland at the shooting of Ms Guerin on Wednesday was heightened over the weekend with the publication of a statement she made to police after she was allegedly assaulted last Sep-tember by a well-known Dublin criminal whom she tried to interview. Ms Guerin said that the man, who is facing charges in connection with the alleged assault, had threat-

She said: "I am fearful for my life and for the safety of my family. I believe that the threats made to me were meant to put me in fear in relation to my personal safety and that of the members of my

ened to kill her family.

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Maturity

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BY DAVID SINCLAIR OASIS and Blur might rule

the charts, but when it comes

to staging rock extravagan-zas, the old brigade can still

cut the mustard. That was the resounding verdict of the

150,000 fans who braved less

than temperate weather con-

ditions on Saturday to relive

their youth in the company of

Eric Clapton, Bob Dylan and

reunited members of The

Who at the Mastercard Mas-ters of Music Concert in

· Safety fears prompt triumphant return of the station master

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

THE old-fashioned station master, a much-respected figure in the golden age of train travel, is set to make a nostalgic return to Britain's regularly vandalised and often unstaffed ticket offices and waiting rooms.

A rail company is planning to restore masters to at least 20 of its stations on commuter routes into London as part of its campaign to win back public confidence in security. Station masters, often re-

splendent with hats, watch chains and fresh buttonholes, were familiar figures on the railways until the late 1960s, when financial pressures on British Rail forced huge job The popular image was

reinforced in the 1970 children's film classic. The Railway Children, when Bernard Cribbens played a friendly, paternalistic station master at a village halt. In reality, the 1970s and 1980s saw the masters being

replaced by "team leaders"

and "business managers" who

were rarely seen by passengers and were responsible for a group of stations rather than iust one.

A walk-in doctor's surger will open next month for the 200,000 commuters who daily pass through Victoria railway station in central London (Dominic

Kennedy writes). A team of healthcare entrepreneurs hopes to put a private medical centre in every large train terminus, airport and shopping precinct in the next three years. The "medicentre" at Victoria will charge £30 for a 15-minute consultation, £50 for a smear test and £15 for an ECG. Its

backer, Sinclair Mon-trose Health Group, be-lieves the scheme will still save money for those who would otherwise have to take a half-day off work to see their family doctor.

reassuring figure of the station master comes as fears about personal safety at empty and vulnerable stations are believed to deter many potential igers from making more use of the railways.

Peter Wilkinson, commercial director of West Anglia Great Northern Railway, the

company behind the idea, said there was huge public demand for a return to a highly visible staff presence.

"Passengers want someone who knows the mute and knows the connections, who takes responsibility for people who are joining the train and who takes account of the welfare of the passengers on that railway," he said.

The station master would be "someone who doesn't walk past a piece of litter, who doesn't believe it is someone else's job to look after the platform and who doesn't hide in the cabin at the back all day. We need to relearn some of our old tricks."

The company operates com-muter trains between the King's Cross, Moorgate and Liverpool Street stations and destinations in Hertfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Essex. It is due to be privatised by early

The stations where masters are most likely to appear include Stevenage, Cambridge, Huntingdon, Bishop's Stortford, Welwyn Garden City and Walthamstow, Howsmall, that had high levels of

peak-hour passenger traffic



A head for steam; a station master, H.C.R. Calver, at Liverpool Street in 1931. His uniform included a silk hat

and problems with vandalism is expected to be considered for appointments.

The masters, who will be full-time employees, will be recruited from existing staff or, in some cases, from the local community, and will start to take up their positions from the end of the year, Mr Wilkinson said. The job title may have to be adapted, however, to reflect the greater representation of women in the industry in the 1990s, he

They will be responsible for the appearance and facilities

at the station and expected to be out on the platform and available to deal with passengers' complaints and inquiries, particularly at peak travelling times.

Rail commentators welcomed the move as a return to

editor of Rail Privatisation News, said: "There needs to be someone of authority and presence out on the platform. "There is nothing passen-

gers love more than pouring abuse on relatively junior staff because there is no one around of authority to take the flack."

Hyde Park. Performing before the biggest gathering of people there since the wedding celebrations for the Prince and Princess of Wales in 1981, Dylan. 55, and Clapton, 51. played a generous selection

> money for The Prince's Trust.
> The centrepiece of the event
> was the lavishly staged presentation, in the presence of the Prince of Wales, of The Who's 1973 album. Quadrophenia. Pete Townshend, Sl. Roger Daltrey, 52, bassist John Entwistle, 51, and a cast of dozens suffered no lack of energy as they stampeded through the "rock opera" which tells the story of a

of their greatest hits to raise

brawling, pill-popping, 1960s mod called Jimmy. Among those in cameo roles were Stephen Fry, the newsreader Trevor McDonald and Gary Glitter, who hurled his microphone stand around just as be had during rehearsals, when he acciden-Daltry, sporting a magnifi-cent eye-patch, showed no signs that age or injury were slowing him down, despite the fact that a bone under his

eye was broken. The crowd was unusually attentive and well-behaved and any scenes of debauchery were strictly confined to the show itself. In the hospitality tent, celebrities ate crèpes and chocolate cake, sipped champagne, and generally behaved with a decorum that would have been unheard of in their youth.

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Rest – and determination – helped Henman to play the game

A POPULAR theme in Victorian and Edwardian school stories was of the small, slight boy who overcame some ghastly disease to become hero of a school team, later to lead armies or govern colonies.

When Tim Henman walks on to the Centre Court at Wimbledon today for the fourth round of the tournament, he could well be fulfilling the childhood fantasies of the generations brought up with the call "Play up, play up and play the game".

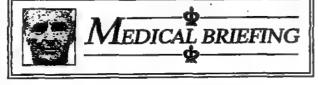
Henman had an inborn ability to be a good athlete and from his earliest days at school

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was well co-ordinated and showed an uncanny eye for a ball. The genetic background for his athleticism was proven: on his mother's side he, and his brothers, are the fourth generation to triumph on the tennis court and his father was an outstanding all-round athlete who achieved county standard in several sports.

Very slight as a young boy, Henman faced his first major health problem soon after he joined David Lloyd's squad at Reed's School, where intensive tennis training is given to likely champions. Just when he was showing his worth on



Dr Thomas Stuttaford

the court, he developed osteochondritis.

The osteochondroses are a group of orthopaedic diseases that involve the bones and joints of adolescents and. sometimes, younger children. They are an important and serious cause of the 19thcentury diagnosis of growing pains. The different forms of osteochondritis juvenilis. which affect the growing points, the epiphyses, of the children's bones, are labelled according to the joints con-

cerned. The common joints to become deranged are the hip (Perthe's disease), the knee (Osgood-Schlatter's disease) and the spine (Scheuermann's disease). Osteochondritis juvenilis may also be responsible, but less often, for problems with the small joints, the ribs

Whichever joint is involved. it becomes tender and painful. movement is restricted and, if the end of the bone is not rested, becomes softened and distorted, problems that can lead to osteoarthritis in later life. The treatment is prolonged rest and immobilisain some instances excessive exercise of an immature joint has been held responsible. There may be a genetic tendency to develop osteochondritis and, in many types, males are more often affected than females.

tion. Its cause is unknown but

Another form of osteochrondritis, osteochrondritis dissecans, the condition is rather different as the bone under the joint surface breaks up and small fragments of bone become loose and may need removing surgically.

As in the best yarns, when Tim Henman developed osteo-

him a champion. He has concentrated equally on building up his slight frame through body-building

elders to give up tennis and

instead, after months of rest,

returned to the game with

greater determination than

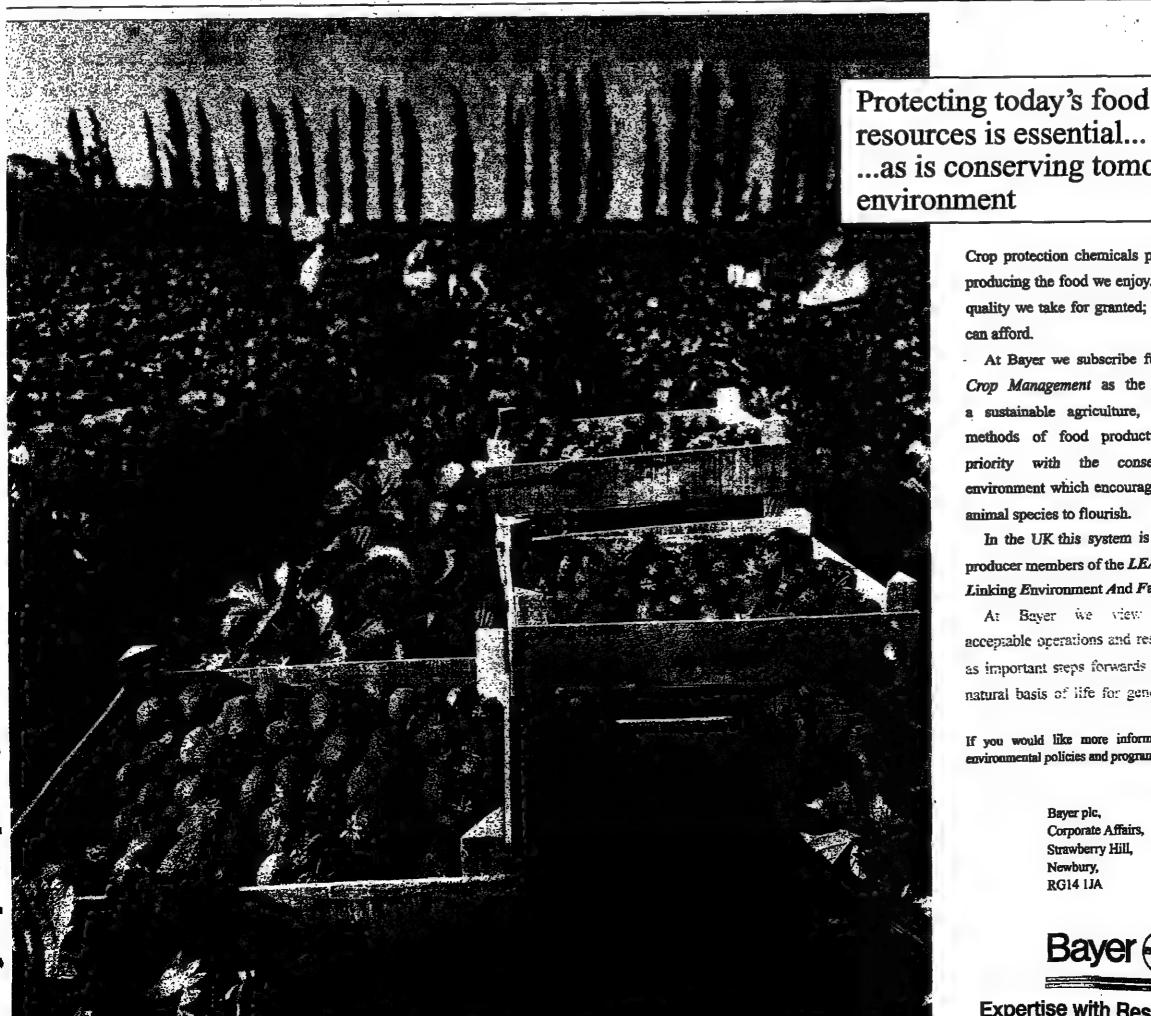
ever. This single-mindedness

and determination is still obvi-

ous and should help to make

exercises so that now he can combine inherited skill with the power needed to hit the ball as hard as his opponent.

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West fears ploy as Karadzic steps down

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT, AND MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

WESTERN governments welcomed an announcement yesterday that Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, had stepped down as President. But there were fears that it was merely a ploy to escape the

Dr Karadzic had been given an ultimatum by the Group of Seven leading industrialised nations to resign all political functions by today or face tough new sanctions. Yesterday the leader, who has been indicted as a war criminal, obliged by handing over his powers to Biljana Plavsic, a deputy known for her hardline views.

However, the West greeted the announcement with scepticism. Dr Karadzic announced in April that he was transferring his powers to Mrs Playsic, but it soon became clear that he had not done so.

Carl Bildt, the major powers' High Representative in Bosnia-Herzegovina in charge of the civilian reconstruction of the country, said: "His replacement today is an important step towards the cleans-ing of Republika Srpska from the association with the crimes for which Dr Karadzic and others have been indicted by the international tribunal, but it is by no means the final step." The Foreign Office in London said Britain would give 100 per cent support to Mr Bildt to ensure that Dr Karadzic stayed out of politics in Bosnia, although it was expected that, even if he had really tepped down this time, his "malign influence" would remain behind the

Mrs Playsic said that Dr Karadzic would remain President of the Republika Srpska until the September 14 elections, prompting a warning from the Foreign Office that this

A special statement from the G7



leaders said that Dr Karadzic should transfer all his political powers permanently and that the Bosnian Serb republic should cooperate fully in implementing the Dayton peace accords. It warned all the leaders of Bosnia that, unless they carried out their Dayton commitments, they could expect no help

Mrs Playsic, who said that she had taken over as "interim" President, is a noted hardliner with an intimidating nickname: Iron Lady of the Bosnian Serbs. She is known for her virulent outbursts, strong nationalism and total support for Dr Karadzic.

Michael Steiner, Mr Bildt's deputy, said in Mostar: "We are not satisfied with a charade. What we want is for Dr Karadzic to step down from every public function, and only then are we satisfied."

Citizens were voting in the divided city of Mostar yesterday in Bosnia's first free elections since the end of the war there. The European Union-sponsored voting for a single city council in the former urban battleground, now partitioned be-tween Muslims and Croats, was seen as a trial run for the countrywide elections in September.



Radovan Karadzic, indicted for war crimes, has "quit" before

Major to outlaw foreign advocates of terror attacks

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN LYONS

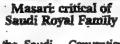
JOHN MAJOR called at the weekend for a change in international law to prevent activists such as Muhammad al-Masari using a foreign sanctuary to advocate terrorism

The Prime Minister, praising the commitment of the Group of Seven leading industrialised nations, together with Russia, to make life "intolerable" for terrorists by giving them no place to hide, also insisted that the world should look again at a 1951 United Nations Convention. He said that this should not give protection for anyone either engaged in terrorism or advocating it.

We want much better coordination. We don't want terrorists shifting from one country to another or using one capital because it is much easier to operate from there. There has never been such unanimity of view among the heads of government to take collective action against this," Mr Major said at the end of the Lyons G7 summit.

Britain has been criticised by several allies, especially

past year beasylum laws, which do not specifically forbid asylum seekers advocating violence and terrorism at home as long as they do not break British law. The Government has been embarrassed by Saudi exiles in



the overthrow of the Saudi Royal Family, and the Foreign Office wants to see the law changed so that; as in France and several other countries. asylum seekers are forbidden from engaging in political activity.

Malcolm Rifkind, the For-

eign Secretary, is travelling to Saudi Arabia today to reas-sure King Fahd that the G7 is determined to hunt down and punish terrorists, and will prevent the advocacy of terror-ism from any hiding place. He will be followed on Friday by President Chirac of France, who will also convey international support for the Saudis after the Dhahran bombing.

dominated by the fight against terrorism, endorsed a 40-point plan to combat international crime. Main points were the long-term need to harmonise varying judicial systems and to simplify and speed up extradition procedures. Interior and foreign ministers will meet in Paris this month to look at what steps can be

taken immediately, and how co-operation against organised crime, including drug trafficking and money laundering, can be strengthened. Interpol, which has its headquarters in Lyons, was briefed on these commitments.

The final communique also promised a tough programme to fight illicit trafficking in nuclear materials. After their nuclear summit in Moscow in April, the leaders said they would strengthen measures to control and account for nuclear material, work out ways of disposing properly of fissile material no longer needed for bombs, and placed sensitive nuclear material, such as separated plutonium and highly enriched uranium, under the safeguards of the International Atomic Energy Authority. G7 nuclear experts will meet in Paris in October to decide further action.

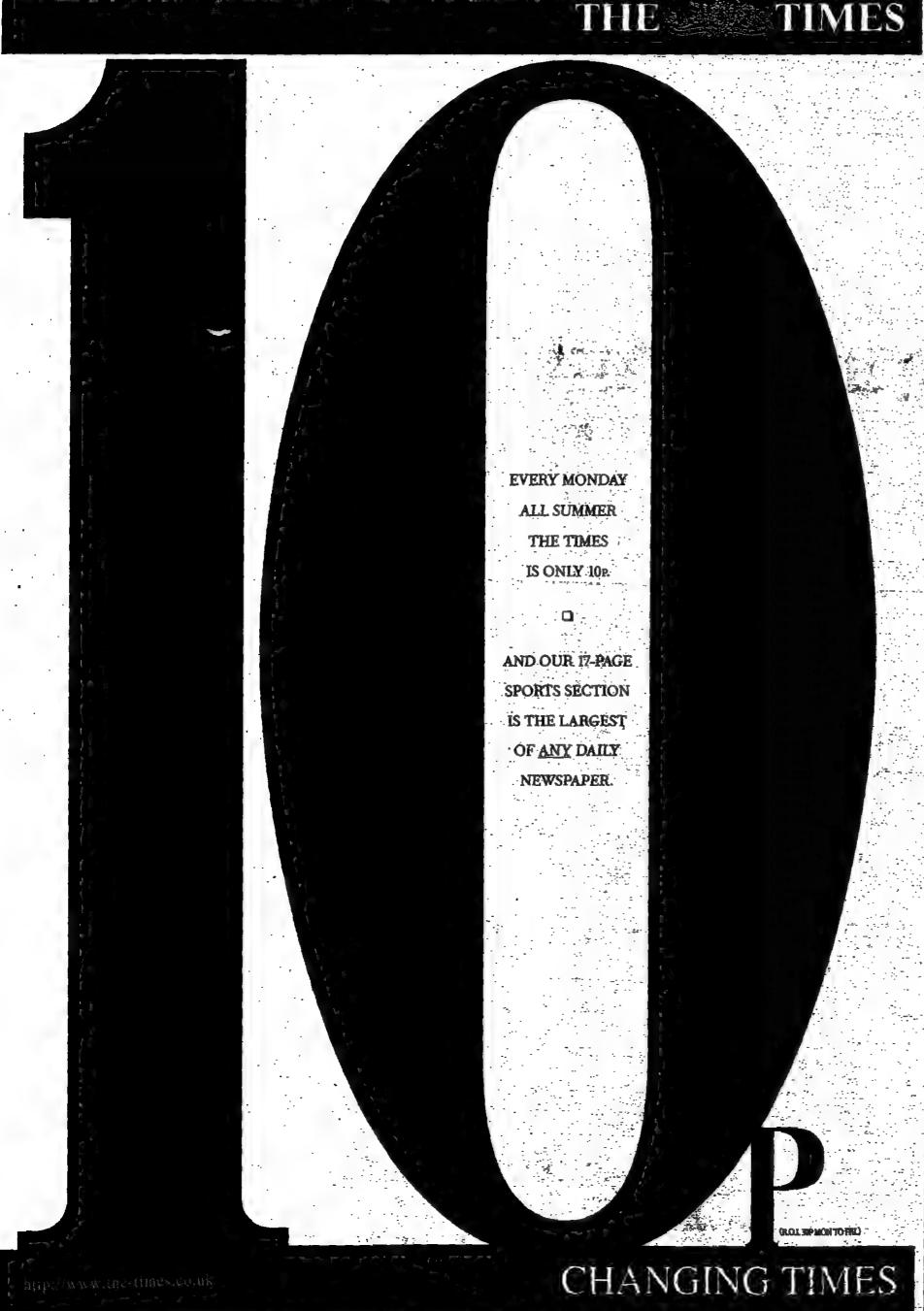
There was clear disappointment in Lyons that the talks on a comprehensive test ban treaty failed to keep the summit deadline, after India's refusal to sign the draft agreement. The leaders said they were still

determined to oresent a treaty to the United Nations General Assembly in September. Meanwhile, pending its entry into force. they called on nuclear to exercise the "utmost restraint". The communiqué also reiterated the importance of the Chemi-

Convention, the need to implement, with proper verification, the convention on biological weapons, and the urgency of sparing no effort to rid the world of the "scourge" of antipersonnel mines, booby traps and other devices. The final afternoon of dis-

cussions on Saturday was devoted to reform of the UN and international financial bodies. Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, briefed the summit on his efforts to cut costs. But virtually no progress was made on the awkward subject of who should succeed him, and Mr Major insisted that the subject which set most G7 leaders against the Americans - was not broached in plenary sessions or in his meeting with President Chriton.

While the UN was the "cornerstone" of the international system, it needed to be revitalised, strengthened and reformed, the leaders agreed. The scale of national contributions should be made more



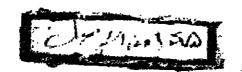


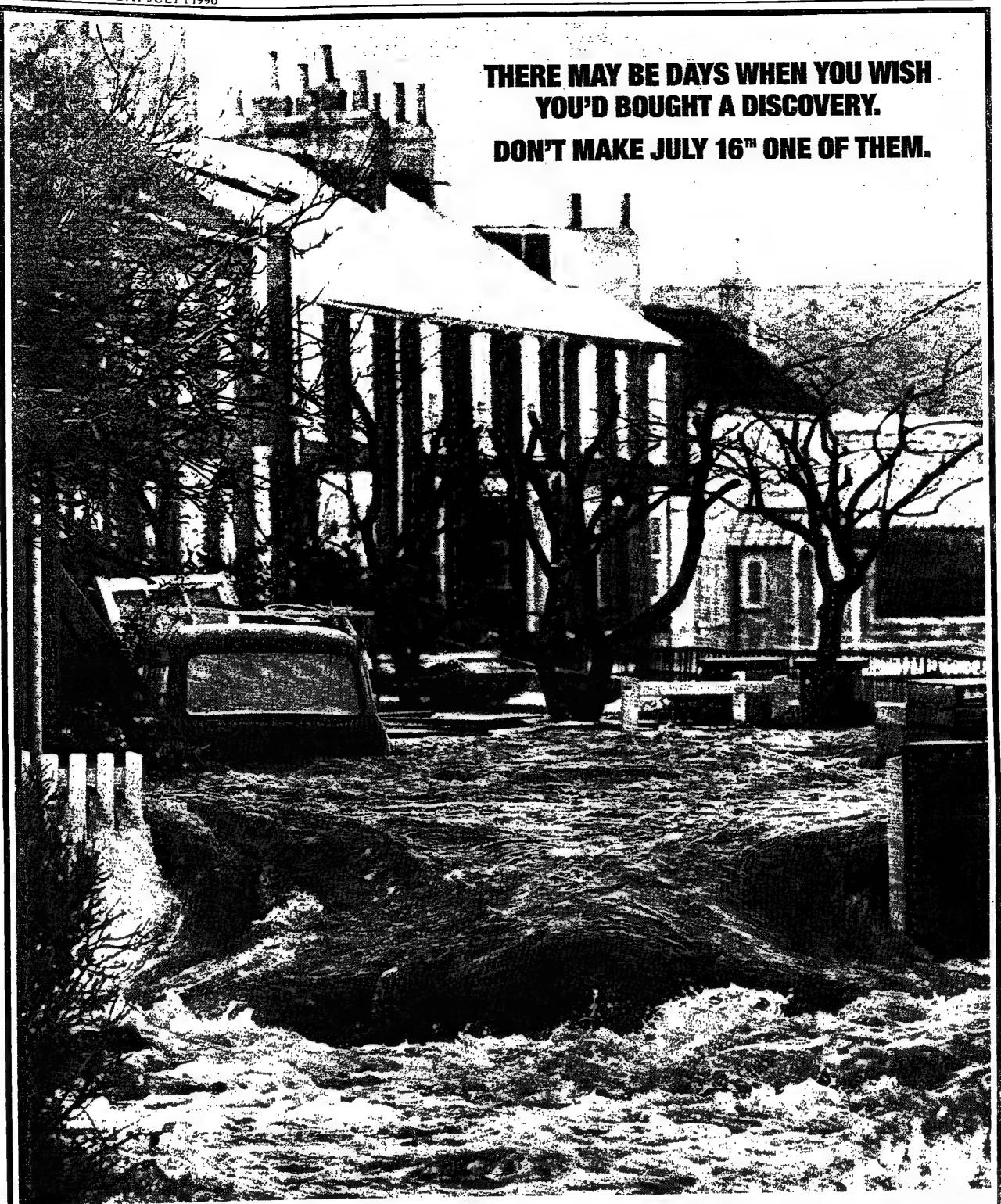
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Opt-out offers tempting antidote to queasy ride on euro roller-coaster

eral European Union capitals over the past few weeks, I was struck by a paradox. From the bond markets to the Eurosceptic bunkers, the message is the same: a single currency will happen, but almost no one expects to enjoy it.

The prospect awakens a kind of resigned, queasy ap-prehension. Phrases such as There's no alternative" and "It's going to happen anyrecur in the conversation of bankers and bureaucrats from Düsseldorf to



ry candidate who was trying to persuade me that it would be Tony Blair's duty to take Britain into the single currenexactly what we don't have." The scale of the risks in-

volved in starting the single currency in 1999 dampens spirits, and by no means just in Britain. People feel as if they're sitting on a roller-coaster which is just crawling up to the highest point of the ride. Nobody quite knows what they're going to hurtle towards and they aren't as thrilled as they thought they might be. Only one man admits no doubts or dizziness -Helmut Kohl. The German retires. Twice recently he has repeated that the continent's choice in the next century lies between unity and war.

ritish officials who like to quote Herr Kohl's more cautious formulas as evidence that his enthusiasm for a federal Europe is waning, should cut out and keep the words of his greeting to the Pope at the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin last week. The duty of a Christian is indissolubly

cy. "of coarse we wouldn't Chancellor has never lost linked to the duty of the social unrest might think his have started from here if we'd sight of his aim to clamp shut clitzen. This applies particularly to the building of a country off the roller-coaster. united Europe."

But supposing a politician decides that his supreme moral duty is to help the 18 million EU citizens without a job? The G7 leaders didn't devote many words to the issue in Lyons at the weekend, but that's because they've already depleted their stock of cliches at previous. believed that a single currency could lock his country into permanently high unemployment rates and risk serious

tand for a second in the smart shoes of President Chirac, the host in Lyons. En route to being elected a year ago, he made promises about the numbers of jobs France would create before 2000 that he has not the faintest hope of keeping. His Government announced summits. A politician who a 30,000 rise in unemployment as the G7 discussions began. But M Chirac has also decided that to back away from the single currency

the franc and his alliance with Germany.

A few people in France seem to be having second thoughts. A recent article in Le Monde, a paper which rarely gives Britain the benefit of the doubt, described the past few years' performance of the British economy as "faultless" and well on the way to "confirming how different it is from the continent". Particularly, said the economist author, when British unemployment has fallen to 7.7 per cent. He did not even need to remind readers

would do untold damage to that French unemployment is predicted to be at 12.5 per cent at the year's end.

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Britain does have a choice. the writer concluded. Outside the single currency, Britain might well survive or even prosper. Sterling might even become a currency to which people fled from the euro.

Nobody much envies John Major over here. But in Paris. one or two people think he may be on to something.

GEORGE BROCK

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Nairobi: President Moi ac-

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Minister, of meddling in Ke-

Speaking in the west Ke-

nyan town of Eldoret, Mr Moi

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towards the ruling Kenya

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(Kanu) and Kenya was "unac-

ceptable". He claimed that she

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Hemans, the British High

Commissioner to Kenya, for

voicing positive opinions. Mr

Hemans was reported here as

predicting Kanu would win next year's election. (AFP)

Gunmen kill 16

Bogotá: At least 16 people were killed when about ten

masked men opened fire at a

bus terminal and a pool hall in

Medellin on Saturday. The

attack was one of the worst in

recent years in the Colombian

city, where armed bands con-

trol poor areas. Medellin's

police chief has admitted not

having enough officers to con-

in Colombia

nyan politics.

Lebed stakes claim to vice-presidency while Yeltsin ails

From Richard Beeston in moscow

yesterday took advantage of President Yeltsin's apparent ill health to put himself forward for a powerful new job as vice-

In the clearest signal yet that the new National Security Adviser is laying the ground-Kremlin leadership, General Lebed said Russia needed to recreate the vice-presidency. The post was abolished three years ago by President Yeltsin after Aleksandr Rutskoi, who then held the job, led an uprising that culminated in the bloody events of October

Nevertheless, General Lebed, who has held his present position for less than two weeks, told the BBC: "We need this post and a person who would assume constitutional powers and take political and even military decisions."

The former paratrooper's latest muscle-flexing further atmosphere in Russia, where President Yeltsin has virtually disappeared from public view with only 48 hours to go before polls open on Wednesday for the crucial run-off presidential vote. The Russian leader has not been seen in public since a reception at the Kremlin on Wednesday and has cancelled

RUSSIA'S leader in waiting, a series of engagements, most General Aleksandr Lebed, recently a pop concert in his recently a pop concert in his honour in Moscow yesterday hosted by the country's topselling newspaper.

But in written replies to questions put by the Interfax news agency, the Kremlin boss attempted yesterday to play down concern about his physical fitness, admitting only that he had "almost" lost voice after a series of interviews early last week.

In yesterday's remarks, he made a last-ditch appeal to voters to turn out in force and back him on Wednesday when he faces a close run-off against Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist Party leader:

"I urge every one of you. dear voters, to put routine matters aside on July 3 and come to vote," said the President, who is believed to have spent the weekend recuperating at his dacha outside Moscow. "On that day, we will vote not for Yeltsin or Zyuganov. We will vote for ourselves, for our families, for the future of our children."

It was clear from his message that Mr Yeltsin fears voter apathy more than he does his Communist rival. According to opinion polls, the Russian

expect to build on his 35 per

cent support in the first round, by picking up most of the voters who backed other candidates, the Communist leader is unlikely to be able to climb significantly above the 32 per cent of the vote that he

ers tend to be disciplined and reliable while President Yeltsin's electorate is more vulnerable to apathy and inde-dision, particularly if there are doubts about his physical

Polisters predict that if the turnout remains above 60 per cent President Yeltsin should win easily, but that if it falls below that threshold Mr Zyuganov could pull off a stun-

ning surprise.
The stocky, life-long Communist Party apparatchik has put new life into his otherwise lacklustre campaign in the past few days, and at the weekend again tried to capitalise on his rival's ill

"If we are talking about laryngitis then there would be no reason to cancel meetings with officials," said Mr Zyuganov, 52. "In my view, it is all a lot more complicated. On the other hand, at 65, after leader should score an easy two serious heart attacks, you can't be in good health. Any While the President can country doctor will tell you



A young fan in Piazza Navona, Rome. Ice-cream sales melt away in Italy when the licking season stops in September

Italy uses sex to whip up ice-cream sales

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

YOU would not know it from watching residents and tourists licking mountainous icecream cones this summer, but the Italian ice-cream industry

is in crisis. Italy is full of giant advertis-ing hoardings depicting a choc she does it." ice, disappearing between a pair of cherry-red lips. The use of sexual overtones to sell ice cream, while common elsewhere, is new to Italy and a sign of desperation.

According to Luca Maroni, head of a leading advertising agency, Italian ice-cream consumption is static because Italians, particularly the young, eat ice cream only for a limited seasonal period. They start licking in April and stop in September. "We have to make ice cream sexy all-year round," Signor Maroni says. "Using sexual imagery is fine. It is less demouring than adverts which show a woman cleaning a floor and smiling as ...

The fact that Italians are having to be persuaded to eat more ice cream is ironic, given introduped the stuff to the rest of Europe. As Elizabeth David, the food writer, notes cream, an Italian cook in the Medici entourage took the secret of ices - in those days, largely sorbets — to France in

according to Enrico Leheman, a former advertising executive, is that Italians do not regard ice cream as food. Sales depend on the vagaries of the weather. The businessmen queue up in amart suits at ... Giolittis, the celebrated iceparliament in Rome, and jug-

dream of spooning ice cream out of a bowl at home as a The reason can be summed up in one word: pasta," Signor Leheman said. "In the Italian stomach, pasta provides all the 16th century. the calories. Ice cre
The root of the problem, not stand a chance." the calories. Ice cream does.

mobile phones, would not

As a result Italians are among the lowest per-capita consumers of ice cream in the world, far behind not only America but also Russia and Scandinavia, where ice cream and politicians who happily asiles are consistently, high despite the cold climates:

Italian traditionalists, howcream pariour near the Italian ever, blame poor quality rather than eating habits for the Giolittis still sell home-made ice creams (gelati artigianali) in a variety of inventive flavours: But nearly all the 22 million tonnes of ice cream sold in Italy every year now comes in the form of massproduced bars and lollies, with four giant companies dominating the market.

tainly be a new election, in which the Welfare Party could

be expected to improve on the

21 per cent of the vote it

In the new Government, Mrs Ciller will be Foreign

Minister and Deputy Prime Minister. The woman who

previously presented herself as the leader who could stop

Welfare is now acting as the

guarantor who can stop Mr

Erbakan turning Turkey into

☐ Tunceli: A woman suicide

bomber blew herself up in this

eastern Turkish town yester-

day, killing at least five soldiers and wounding 25 people

during a military parade. Security officials said the at-

tack was the work of Kurdish

ceived last time.

an Islamic state.

guerrillas. (Reuter)

Election sweep for Museveni Kampala: Backers of Presi-

dent Museveni of Uganda won 140 of the 180 parliamentary seats, analysts said after more than 90 per cent of pol results were in. The President banned political parties in 1986. Advocates of multiparty politics took four seats in central Kampala and retained northern areas. (Reuter)

Cheap liquor as state goes dry

Faridabad, India: Liquor stores in the hard-drinking north Indian state of Haryana sold their stocks at big dis-counts on the eve of a deadline banning consumption of alco-hol. The new state government had promised housewives to introduce prohibition if it won the May election. (AFP)

Voters gallop to Mongolian poll

Ulan Bator: Mongolians vot-ed, many after riding on horseback for hours across the steppes, in the second general election since communist rule ended. The former communist Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party was expected to retain power. (Reuter)

Killer' wolf shot

Delhi: Authorities in the Indi-an state of Uttar Pradesh have shot dead a wolf which was believed to have killed at least 18 children over the past two months, the Press Trust of India reported. (Reuter)



Bugs Bunny stars at the theme park opening

Ruhr looks to a rabbit for revival

IN BONN

BUGS BUNNY, the Gremlins and Batman are pitted against Mickey Mouse and Goofy in an attempt to revive Germany's rundown Ruhr region. Warner Brothers, the American entertainment group, this weekend opened a huge theme park and studio complex in Bottrop, once the hub of a thriving coalmining industry. The park, with Police Acad-

emy stunts, roller coasters and Bat cave, is a direct challenge to Disneyland Paris and is supposed to draw some of the 27 million people who inhabit the former industrial heartland of Germany. But it is also part of a vast restructuring programme that has set up scuba diving facilities in flooded coal bunkers, converted old slagheaps into a 60-mile hiking route and made museums out of gasometers.

Centro, which will be Europe's largest shopping centre, is due to open in September on the site of an old steel plant. It will include 230 shops, an 11,000-seat arena, two hotels, an artificial lake, 30 restaurants and a 1.500-seat fast-food area: Bruce Willis and Sylvester Stallone, the film stars, are to open a Planet Hollywood restaurant in the centre.

Ciller denounced for helping to put Islamist in power FROM ANDREW FINEEL IN ISTANBUL

NECMETTIN ERBAKAN'S success in becoming the first Islamist Prime Minister of Turkey has focused attention on the woman who propelled

him to power.

Tansu Ciller, leader of True
Path and a former Prime
Minister, must now rally her party into the "Yes" lobby for a vote of confidence scheduled for next Monday after her decision to enter into a coali-tion with Mr Erbakan's Welfare Party. In exchange for her party's backing, Mr Erbakan is said to be prepared to drop his support for a parliamentary inquiry into alleged corrup-tion against Mrs Ciller when she was Prime Minister.

The Turkish press has de-nounced Mrs Ciller for reneg-

party "that would bury the being a "hypocrite".

The Sanbah newspaper which campaigned for her in the elections in December

going to scuttle the coalition. This is unlikely, given that the alternative to supporting the coalition would almost cer-

enter into a coalition with a country in darkness". She had also accused Mr Erbakan of

sleep over fears of being indicted before the supreme court, she should be kept But a much-heralded rebel-lion within Mrs Ciller's party a handful of MPs now say they will not back her in a vote of confidence. Their numbers must swell to 20 if they are

ing on her promise to never.

said: "If Ciller now won't lose awake by her own shame." has not materialised and only

Polanski film ends in tears before it begins

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

THE latest film project by Roman Polanski, the controversy-prone director, may be remembered as one of the greatest disaster movies, without ever reaching the screen. Last month John Travolta,

the leading actor, stormed out of The Double and flew back to America just as filming in Paris was about to start. He was followed last week by his co-star, Isabelle Adjani, and yesterday it was reported that the entire project, which Polanski had been working on for two years, has been

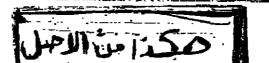
The row over the making of The Double, based on Dostocvsky's novel, came to a head when Travolts claimed that Polanski had altered the script without consulting him

and particularly, objected to the addition of a nude scene. "I was promised a Rolex-What I was offered was a Timex," complained the actor, whom the producers have threatened to sue over breach of his £11 million contract.

Polanski persuaded Steve reported fee of up to £8 million but Adjani said that according to her contract she should have been consulted on the change of cast, and also left the set.

Peter Guber, the producer, has reportedly invested some E40 million in the aborted project and while the film version of The Double may never see the light of day, the drama is certain to continue





White House aide leaps to denounce Clinton 'tryst' book

nior adviser yesterday tore into Gary Aldrich, the former FBI agent who has written a salacious "tell-all" book about the White House, accusing him of being a tool of Republi-

George Stephanopoulos al-leged that Mr Aldrich was supported by a group which was determined to destroy the presidency, and at least one of them was an adviser to Bob Dole, the Republican presidential challenger, who should immediately disavow them and Mr Aldrich's book,

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Among the Aldrich allegations making headlines in America is his accusation that the President frequently slipped out of the White House without his Secret Service bodyguards to keep midnight trysts in the nearby Marrion hotel with a woman who may

With the Secret Service repudiating the story, Mr Stephanopoulos said anyone that could be so easily checked as untrue was not worth believing at all. He was appearing on This Week with David Brinkley. having failed to persuade ABC television to keep Mr Aldrich off the show.

Mr Aldrich held his ground under reientiess claims that

EXACTLY 220 years after

Thomas Jefferson presented

the Declaration of Indepen-

dence in Philadelphia, Louis

Farrakhan will visit the city to

again sign the decree he

claims was responsible for

America's first civil rights

The controversial leader of

the Nation of Islam organis-

ation contends that flaws in

the famous wording of the

original declaration have led

to the decline of America. He

will sign an amended version

at a raily on Independence

PRESIDENT CLINTON'S se- on end was implausible. He also promised to name a senior White House official with a history of extensive drug use if called to testify under oath at congressional

hearings. Earlier, at the end of the G7 summit in Lyons, Mr Clinton had given a tepid response when asked about the book and his purported late-night prips. Dismissing the book, he said: "As to that other thing, I mean, i hardly even know how to comment on that. I mean, I hardly know what to say. I feel bad for the FBI."

Asked why Mr Clinton had not categorically denied the book's allegations, Mike McCurry, the White House spokesman, said: "He's at a loss for words because he can't believe anyone is taking it scriously." However, Mr Clinton did deny the book's asser-tion that his wife had appointed Craig Livingstone to be White House head of personnel security.

Mr Livingstone, a former bouncer, resigned under fire last week after hundreds of FBI background files were found to have been improperly gathered by the White House. Mr Stephanopoulos said he had been hired by the late Vincent Foster, the White House deputy counsel whose death from a gunshot wound

Farrakhan to rewrite history

at Independence Day rally

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

Day on Thursday at which he

will call on the American

people, and particularly blacks, not to relinquish any

personal responsibility to

The Rev James Bevel, a

former strategist for Martin

Luther King and chairman of

the Declaration of Indepen-

dence co-signers' convention.

said communities throughout

America recognised the need

for amendments to the docu-

ment with which colonists first

asserted their liberty from Britain on July 4, 1776. "We

government.

In damning the book and in pleading with the American media to ignore it, the White House is overlooking the fact that its central premise — that there was a systematic breakdown of security and background checks in the White House - has been corroborated by congressional hearings into the burgeoning scandal Republicans yesterday said the high-powered campaign to denigrate the book was evidence that the Clintons were

terrified of its claims. To be sure, Mr Aldrich seems unduly picky about the casual dress and habits of the young Clinton staff, but his assertions that they were too easy-going, inefficient and contemptuous of traditional authority have been witnessed by many others who had

dealings with them. Yesterday the Secret Service denied the Aldrich claim that bodyguards kept a "CYA" log - for "cover your ass" - on the times that the President

ent missing. Today's US News and World Report claims that Mr Clinton could elude protectors by using a secret White House the Oval Office to the family wing. It was built during Ronald Reagan's tenure to enable the President to escape

accept the initial wording of

the declaration that 'We hold

these truths to be self-evident,

that all men are created equal,

that they are endowed by their

Creator with certain unalien-

able rights, that among these

Governed'. We Americans are

not like the British. We are not

subjects, we are citizens. The wording is a violation of the

right to govern the self and

assumes the right to murder

the governed for the good of

Under the "new" declara-

tion, Americans are asked to

derive their power "from

being in obedience to the

Creator and serving the

health, interest, rights, and needs of the people". Although the wording appears innocu-

ous, the presence of Mr

Farrakhan in a Jeffersonian

role is certain to be seen as yet

another publicity stunt to wid-

en his influence among blacks.

After calling on hundreds of thousands of blacks last year

to visit Washington for the

Million Man March, Mr

Farrakhan since has been

under investigation for alleged

links to Colonel Muammar

Gaddafi of Libya and Saddam

Hussein of Irac.

the governed."

men'," Mr Bevel said.



Returning US servicemen from Saudi Arabia are welcomed in Florida yesterday

King Fahd 'poised to abdicate'

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MADRID

in Spain that King Fahd of Saudi Arabia may shortly renounce his throne and retire

to the Costa del Sol. Since suffering a stroke last are life, liberty and the pursuit November, the 75-year-old of happiness, and that to King has been unable to walk secure these rights govern-ments are instituted among more than a few steps at a time and is largely confined to bed. Most state business is "But then it states that the now conducted by Crown Prince Abdullah, his half-Government derives its powers from 'the Consent of the

brother. The recent terrorist attack in Dhaharan has highlighted the king's fragility and it appears he is now inclined to see out the rest of his life undisturbed. His Mar-Mar Palace, built

in 1976, is a replica of the White House in Washington. A surge of activity has been reported there recently.



King Fahd: owns palace on the Costa del Sol

US general claims Saudis rejected base security plea

IN A further falling-out between allies, a US general has accused Saudi authorities of twice refusing American requests to expand the security perimeter next to the building that was shattered by last week's lorry bomb.

Yesterday the Saudis finally agreed to move the ience and work began immediately. In another security measure, travel restrictions were imposed on US forces, confining them to base when off-duty.

President Clinic emotional memorial service at Eglin Air Force base in Florida, home to 12 of the 19 American airmen who were killed. As he had in Oklahoma City, Mr Clinton showed his skills as mourner-in-chief for the nation at times of tragedy. He hugged a young boy who had lost his father and privately met other bereaved relatives

and the wounded.

He said: "We stand with you in sorrow and outrage that they were taken before their time, felled by the hands of hatred in an act of savagery matched only by its

The US Air Force had come in for intense criticism for placing concrete barriers only 35 yards from the block of flats where the victims died. Brigadier General Terry Schwalier, commander of the base near

Dhahran in eastern Saudi Arabia, said American officers had asked the Saudis last November and again in March for permission to in-crease the buffer zone to about 130 yards, the distance agreed to yesterday. The requests were made because of concerns about security, General Schwalier said, but they were rejected with the comment

No, not at this time." A Saudi official told The Washington Post he had no can requests. He insisted that the security in place last Tuesday, the night of the explosion, was exactly the level agreed by a joint US-Saudi team which had reached a consensus after conducting surveys.

William Perry, US Defence Secretary, visited the site and again insisted that the barriers had saved lives. At the same time, though, he be-trayed his concern by appointing a retired army general to conduct a full inquiry into security at the barracks, which houses more than half the 5,000 members of the US Air Force serving in Saudi Arabia.

The latest revelation of a dispute follows complaints that FBI agents were unable to interrogate four Saudis ac-cused of setting off another bomb last November.

Australian

euthanasia

law faces

challenge

FROM ROGER MAYNARD

IN SYDNEY

likely to find other doctors willing to help him. Under the

new law, two doctors and a

psychiatrist have to approve a

patient's request for lethal

The Terminally III Act will

be challenged by the Austra-

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Israelis attack Netanyahu for adopting White House style

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

WHEN Binyamin Netan-Israel's right-wing Prime Minister, visits the White House for talks next week he will be accompanied by Sara, his third wife, their two young sons and a metapelet, the Hebrew term for mother's help". This break with tradition is not welcomed by all Israelis. The decision to take the

family — or that part of it which is now together, since he has an 18-year-old daughter from a previous marriage who lives in the United States - is seen as an attempt by Mr Netanyahu's advisers to soften his machismo image with the American public. It is also described as a further step towards the "Americanisation" of the Israeli Govern-

ment - the result of a change in the law making him the first Prime Minister to be directly elected.

Mr Netanyahu has begun to impose a US presidential style on his administration. Two new agencies, the National Security Council and the Council of Economic Advisers, that Sara Netanyahu is about to emulate Hillary Climon as a full-time First Lady. A leak that such a move was

planned prompted an angry reaction from The Movement For Quality Government. The pressure group claimed the American innovations would be "a breach of proper public

The Maariv newspaper reported yesterday that during the White House visit, when the Clinton Administration will roll out the red carpet in an attempt to make amends for its unabashed support for the election loser. Shimon Peres, Mr Netanyahu's sons, Avner and Yair, will be taken on trips to the Washington Zoo and the Space Museum. A playpen for them is being built in the prime ministerial jet.

Tom Segev, a leading col-umnist, wrote: There is no reason to drag the kids to Washington. The in-flight crib will photograph well, but even the US will not love Netanyahu for his children. They will love him when he withdraws the Israeli Army from

The tribesmen had tame parrots which would warn of approaching strangers, at which point they would vanish into the dense jungles, it said. Efforts are being made to check the reports but the area is remote.

Villagers in the Bintumi town as saying. "They were ethnically related to the region, south of the mainly seen last month by villagers people of Papua New Guinea.

named after their Washington counterparts, have been created and there are suggestions

administration.

paigned for voluntary euthanasia, said: "We are seeing some powerful groups here working damned hard to subvert legislation which is good for the people." Because of the threat of legal action, including murder charges, Dr Nitschke is un-

'White tribe' uses parrot alarms unexplored Bird's Head Pen- seeking firewood in the

IN JAKARTA

A MYSTERIOUS white-skinned tribe, which uses parrots to warn of approaching strangers, has been seen in Indonesia's remote Irian Jaya province, the official Antara news agency said

insula in western Irian Jaya, jungle." saw members of the tribe. described as tall and whiteskinned, last month, Antara said. "The unidentified tribe is believed to be living in a small settlement near the upper reaches of the Wiriagar River," the agency quoted a schoolteacher in Bintumi

Most Irianese are dark and

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MIND AND MATTER

A new dating method may mean rewriting history

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world may have to be rewritten to match the record of treerings found in timber and charcoal from Turkey and

Many dates in the civilisations of Egypt and the Near East are estimates, worked out by counting backwards from lists of kings. But pieces of timber found in archaeological sites or ancient buildings hold the key to a much more precise dating method.

Trees store in their annual growth rings a pattern of the seasons. The rings vary in size, each successive ring recording a single year. By matching the patterns on

different pieces of timber whose dates overlap, it is possible to build up complete records of rings over many centuries, which can then be matched against samples of

A team from the Universities of Cornell. Heidelberg and Reading has now reported that they have established a tree-ring record more than 1.500 years long, starting in 2220 BC and ending in 718 BC. The new chronology was derived from timber and charcoal from several sites in Anatolia, including the Midas Mound at Gordion, built in 718 BC as a burial chamber and named after King Midas.

- The problem with a sequence of rings, however long, is anchoring it to a fixed date so that you know which ring represents which year. Dr Peter Kuniholm, of Cornell University, and colleagues report in Nature that they have been able to do this.

First they dated the wood by carbon-

CENTURY and a half

after anaesthesia was in-vented, a method has finally

been found for ensuring that a patient is really uncon-scious before the surgeon

Sleeping through

the performance

begins. By playing a series of clicks into the patient's ear and monitor-

ing the brain's response, a Cambridge team can distinguish when the patient is suffi-

ciently sedated neither to feel nor to

Gareth Jones, Professor of Anaesthesio-

logy at Cambridge, says that the system is now being used on patients to gather experience. When perfected, it could be used

routinely in certain types of operation, including Caesareans, cardiac surgery and

In use the system requires just a set of hearing-aid headphones and three elec-trodes, two attached behind the ears and

one on the forehead. The prototype cost between £5,000 and £6,000 to build, so

Professor Jones does not envisage them in

remember the operation.

every operating theatre.

intervals, and matching the pattern of the carbon dates with similar patterns found in European wood. But this leaves some uncertainty, only dating the rings to within 100 years.

To get an exact year, they claim that one anomalous ring - an exceptionally wide one, representing a year of remarkable growth — must coincide with a volcanic eruption that occurred on the island of The-

ra, near Crete. This eruption has been detected in tree-ring data from other places, and dated to 1628 BC. Using this to anchor its

Anatolian chronology, the team now be-lieves that it will be possible to put exact dates on many artefacts hitherto dated only by guesswork. To do so "might provide a solution to many currently impenetrable or ambiguous issues in eastern Mediterranean archaeology", they argue. "Long-standing assumptions and conventions in both Egyptian and Old World chronology will need to be re-examined."

The result would be to set back the dates

of ancient Egypt and the Minoan civilisa-tion in Greece by almost a century, something other archaeologists may be reluctant to accept.

The British archaeologist Colin Renfrew is enthusiastic about the method, but cautious about the result. In particular, he is unsure why a volcanic eruption should have produced growth rings at least three times wider than normal. He feels there is too much supposition in the arguments for all doubt to be banished.

> have succeeded in growing 500 seedlings of the Wollemi pine, a tree from the age of the dinosaurs which was

rediscovered in a gorge in the Wollemi National Park

in New South Wales in 1994. Just 30 wild

specimens survived in the inaccessible

gorge, whose exact location has remained

Now knee-high, the seedlings have proved easy to grow. "We are delightfully

surprised that they are growing so well," a researcher at the Mount Annan Botanical

Gardens, near Cambelltown, told the Syd-

Meanwhile, a sample of the pine sent to the US has been analysed at Montana State University and was found to contain taxol.

the cancer drug that has been extracted from

The most remarkable thing remains the

isolation of the trees. Despite intensive

searching no other examples have been found in the 500,000 hectare national park.

the bark of the Pacific Yew.

secret to protect the trees.

ney Morning Herald.



iers Corbyn will place 20 bets with bookmakers William Hill this month Judging by his success over the past eight, years, he is likely to win 16 of them. Not bad for someone taking a £660 flutter on the

great British weather. This is Mr Corbyn a unconventional way of proving to the world — and to the Meteorological Office in particular that he really has discovered a way to predict the weather, days, months and even a year

in advance. The Met Office rejects that the weather can be forecast accurately much more than five days ahead, and complains that Mr Corbyn refuses to reveal his technique. It also

Weather wizard or living in cloud-cuckoo-land? Whatever they say, Piers Corbyn's forecasts have beaten the Met Office and the bookmaker

is therefore inherently unpre-

ful computers could result in

better forecasts. He says that

merely projecting current di-

mates forward will get them

says, controversially, that his forecasts are capable of being interpreted somewhat loosely. For Mr. Corbyn, however, there is a sweet irony in the fact that the Met Office sets the odds for his bets, and is being proved wrong with embar-rassing regularity. What is more, about 200 clients, including insurance companies, farmers and even Yorkshire Electricity, trust him enough to plan their busines around his predictions. His dispute with the Met Office stretches back to 1988, and is

documentary. Mr Corbyn's starting premise is simple — the Sun affects the weather. Like a restless entity, the Sun does not pour out its energy in a uniform, steady way. Its bubbling surface spurts and spits like a volcano, throwing out magnetic fireballs and streams of particles. These outbursts buffet the magnetic field surrounding the Earth, and have a knock-on effect on the atmosphere and thus on

the weather. Though unpredictable, this violent restlessness can be gauged to a crude degree by looking at sunspots. The num- ing the SWT "would mean ber and positions of these tiny, dark

'I predict blobs on the solar surface change the first rhythmically, with one complete rhythm taking half of this about il years. Using these as a month rough guide to the Sun's fiery moods,

will see Mr Corbyn plots out variations in all heatwaves' aspects of solar behaviour, such as solar flares. He examines the periodicities of

historical records to find whether the same numbers have cropped up before. If he finds a match it is, he claims, a good bet that the weather this time around will be similar. e has christened his method the Solar Weather Technique (SWI), "It

these phenomena at any given

time, and then flicks through

oredicts weather types rather than details," he says. "It is particularly good at predicting extiremes. The men at the Met Office have a very different outlook. They believe the weather is described by chaos theory and

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change in meteorology as we know How do the two methods match up?

Mr Corbyn says his consistent winnings with William Hill are a pretty good, indicator, of how the Met Office model and SWT compare. Readers of The Times science page could

even try it themselves predicts the first half of this month will see heatwaves, and the second half will be cooler and unsettled with thunder-

Mr Corbyn is, however. cagey about revealing the names of independent assessors, although he quotes a Nasa risk analyst who published a favourable study of the accuracy of his predictions.

A quiet-spoken, physics graduate with a masters in astrophysics, he is very keen to demonstrate his success. in his pleasant office at the South Bank Technopark in southeast London, there are lots of graphs showing how accurate his predictions are. One app-



are several copies of fat cheques from William Hill. One, a cheque for £2,291, is left illuminated on the overhead ANJANA AHUJA projecter while we break for

He is also proud that Weadictable. The Met Office model ther Action, his forecasting considers only what goes on in business, sponsors four rethe atmosphere, the thin layer search students. It is clear that planet.
To ignore what goes on viewed as a serious scientist.

. Other prized possessions

And, it has to be said, his forecasting success shows he outside the planet is nonsense," Mr Corbyn says. has something valid to say. Despite its hostility, he *Events on the Sun are known to affect the Earth's magnetic wants to work with the Met field. So to say they don't affect Office to produce mediumthe atmosphere is ridiculous." range forecasts (five to ten The Met Office, according to days ahead). This would give Corbyn, says that feeding its him the recognition he craves chaos theory into more powerfunds for further

> research. But Mr Corbyn will not play by the rules. He has, until

now, been very vague about the details of his technique. As the Met Office points out, his reticence goes against the widely accepted ethic that scientific endeavour should be an open activity.

'One reason I won't reveal it is that my business depends on it," Mr Corbyn says. "We don't get any state funding." - To his credit, he has sought

advice about patenting his technique. But since the SWT would probably qualify as a a discovery, a patent would not be allowed. Others would, quite legitimately, he able to cash in on his work-

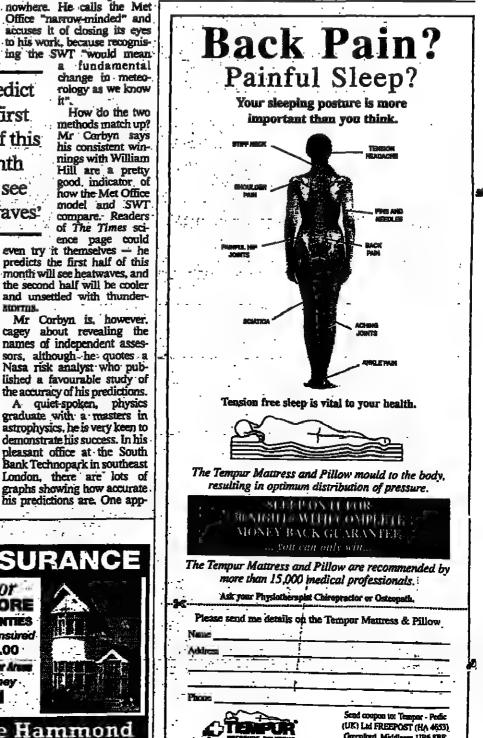
He says: "I do plan to publish when the time is right." This could be within a couple of years, but the idea of revealing all in the year 2000

To anyone meeting him, or watching the documentary, it is clear that Mr Corbyn is a man motivated not by money but by a fascination for the science involved. If I were to place one bet this month. I would wager that the allure of unassailable, scientific credibility will win out well before the end of the decade.

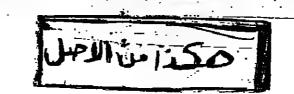
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The importance of being Terry

During the three weeks of Euro 96 he inspired the England team and rebuilt the country's pride in its national game.
Terry Venables talks about tactics, philosophy and losing weight

manor, a small hotel just up from his club, Scribes West, in Kensington High Street. The man who made the nation feel good about its football, and, for a while, itself, comes into the lobby alone, no minders. He is wearing well out but unremarkable Saturday morning dothes dark blue shirt, jacket, muted tie, dark slacks. For the first time in weeks, his gear bears neither his name, nor his initials, nor anybody else's. I don't think he's a designer man, Mr Venables, despite his reputation for being a bit

Actually, he does not strike me as flash at all. The trademark tan is well topped up, the greying hair expensively managed, but of heavy gold jewellery, not a sign, of heavy bold aftershave, not a snift. His demeanour is serious, a little guarded, emotionally controlled, modest. His syntax betrays a self-consciousness, a man intelligent well beyond his education. He is 53, from what used to

be called the respectable working class. Very respectable, very respectful, and anxious to be seen to be so. His mother, from Welsh mining stock, brought her boy up to be patriotic, diligent and above all, loyal. The mature Venables very much epitomises the attributes of 1950s Essex rather than what that county came to represent in the 1980s.

The team spirit of the last few weeks, the "collective responsibility" for individual mistakes, whether in the upper class cabin of a Cathay Pacific aircraft or on the penalty spot at Wembley that spirit comes straight from a Dagenham council estate of 40 years ago. Terry sticks by his players, they stick by him. He is famous for his loyalty to his men, just as Sir Alf Ramsey, another Dagenham

boy, was in 1966. So you ask Terry what he said to Gareth Southgate in those poignant, stunned moments after the young man's tragic miss last Wednesday night and he cannot, or will not, remember. "I just tried to help, just tried to help," he says. And he stayed up that night, counselling Southgate? Yeah, we spoke for quite a long time. It was too early really to discuss it. It's the bruise syndrome. The feeling's dead anyway. They il be a time when you can talk about it and help in a big way. His manager will do that." And will he Southgate's emotional convalescence? "Not really. Hopefully, I'll come across the lads and chat to them but it's not my business now."

That is Terry's other defining characteristic: his straightforward, almost brutally oldfashioned masculinity. He showed a little tenderness to Southgate, but now Southgate must get on with it, just as Terry would. Terry was a penalty taker as a player, and is, metaphorically, as a man. Men like him for this, especially football men. Despite his intelligence, his excursions into business, writing, pundit-



ROBERT CRAMPTON

ry, despite the transferability of his personality into other more complex worlds, he remains fundamentally a man at home with the martial male simplicities of the pitch, of pain exchanged, of being "up for it," of giving and earning

n the three weeks leading up to last Wednesday, Venables lived in a closed, male, football world. He left the team hotel in Buckinghamshire only to travel to training and games. He loved it. "The best experience I've had in my football career. Fascinating. Better than Barcelona' [which he managed] because it was here, it was about England. We got everyone behind us and they got us

How does it feel to be one of the most respected men in the country, it wasn't always so, was it? "As a corny one, it's treating the two impostors just the same, isn't it?"

He would get up at 7.30am, drink two cups of black coffee - no breakfast - and "go through my bits of paper for the day". At 9am, seven days a week, the rest of the coaching staff would come to his suite.

continue, as it were, to monitor "I had a room off my room with a big table. I put my tactics board on the table and we'd do half an hour with the blues and yellows. We were blue and the opposition were yellow." He would receive a press briefing at 9.30am and then travel to the training session. "I would like to have done more, but I only dealt with tactical work."

Venables loves his tactics, the intricacies of the game that have fascinated the most unlikely people since Euro 96 kicked off. I pick a moment when the tactics board paid off, the moment when the tournament came to life for millions of fans, the moment that Paul Gascoigne put England 2-0 up against Scotland. He is off: "It shows the value of having wide players. They make space inside for other players to run into. The ball goes, I think, from Sheringham to Anderton. Gascoigne makes his run inside the full back who has come out to mark Anderton, If Anderton stops the ball at that moment, it's finished. But what did happen - pleasingly because we were all shouting from the line, 'Knock it in', though he couldn't have heard us - was Anderton passed it right in Gascoigne's path."

He goes on: "Gascoigne can see the guy coming out, Hendry, and he shapes to volley it with his left foot. Now Hendry's desperate to stop the shot and he's vulnerable. He flings himself, and Gascoigne's now able to hook it over his head. Gascoigne then watches the ball all the way onto his foot. I thought his concentration was wonderful."

So there was an element of deception in what Gascoigne did, as when a tennis player disguises a shot? "Correct. The combination of disguise and accuracy is the thing." So when people talk about Gascoigne having football intelligence, this is what they mean?
Yes. Gascoigne has that. And at pace as well. At pace. He wasn't standing, he was run-ning. Top class." Venables loves his Gazza too. Yes, he will be at Gascoigne's wedding, the blonding ceremony, today. No, he will not be the best man. "I'll just laugh, he makes me laugh."

After the morning training session. Venables would meet the media, over lunchtime, but not lunch. No breakfast, and now no lunch either. "I was

'As a

weight. Lost twoand-a-half stone in the last year. I was touching 15 stone, player and couldn't believe it. Twelve-and-a-half now." Indeed, he is as a man the first England he is a boss in a long time to leave what Grapenalty ham Taylor called "the impossible taker' job" looking fitter when he

He would get back to the hotel at 3pm, go up to his room and watch videos of the training and the other matches, alone. That was thinking time, sorting out problem areas. Do that, down for dinner at 7.30pm." He didn't eat anything until 7.30? "No." Didn't he get hungry? "Time just went. It really made me look forward to dinner." After dinner it was back to terries dinner it was back to tactics, bed by 11pm. He didn't see his wife, Yvette, for three weeks. Did he phone her? "Oh yeah, I wasn't going to ignore her

the fight with them. We had that. It wasn't just, 'Yeah we can win this, it was a steely belief that we were up for

anything necessary." They were too. But for the width of a post the delicious expectation could have lin-

The players would watch

videos, play cards and snook-er. Did he have time for any of that? He snorts. "Get out

Never had time for anything." No trips to the cinema with the

squad, as Ramsey had organised in 1966? "No, we

had a large-screen video, big

as that quadrangle of wooden

like talking to your

family or your

friends. It's not me

talking to a player,

it's talking as you

would to a friend

and being straight-

get let down now and again but you'll win more than you

lose. I don't scream and shout, I just say you're showing a lack of respect in that situa-

tion. That's enough. If you

shout and scream it's like a

years ago, it was in Harley Street in a doctor's waiting

room. It was about a captain

in Vietnam. He said the day of

the sergeant major has gone.

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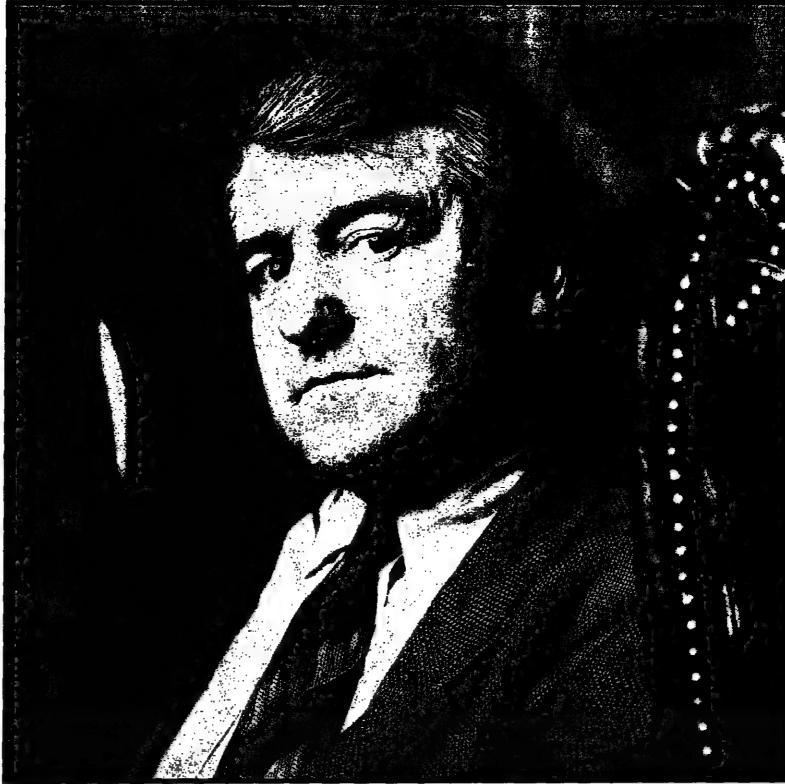
nagging wife. You turn off.

forward. You may

gered a few days longer. Venables was very aware of the feeling in the country in those ten days between the victory over Scotland and the heart-stopping defeat by Germany, very conscious of his responsibility.

*Football's been underrated for what it can do if we get it right. We've witnessed, even for a brief moment, how we can be in unity and what a wonderful feeling it is again. We've forgot what that feeling was like." That sounds corny.

but it is nonetheless true. Whatever Terry does next bustling off, he won't discuss his future, "now I'm out of work, I've got to get going" he will be remembered as the man who provided that elixir.



Terry Venables believes that football has been underrated as a morale booster and cites the extraordinary emotion in England during Euro 96

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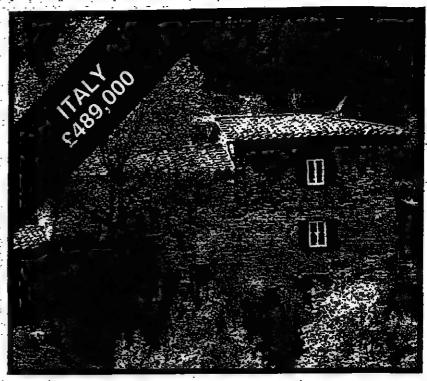


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Day One of a new series: If you've ever dreamt of selling up and moving abroad







The Great Escape: a global guide to fantasy house hunting



Luxury apartment overlooking beach 4 beds, 3 receps, 3 baths, kitchen, maid's quarters, large balcony. Special features: Access to sauna, gym and swimming pool. Garage space for two cars. Only steps tway from the sandy beach and Ipanema district which is one of Rio's most exclusive.



Master bedroom with en-suite dressing-room and bath, 2 beds, 2 receps, kitchen, 2 baths. Special features: Splitlevel lounge, 25 acres terraced gardens, woodlands and



3 beds with en-suite bath, 3 further beds, I bath, fitted kitchen, sauna, gym, pool-annex with changing room and bath. Special features: In 12-acre landscaped garden with swimming pool. Open fireplaces, marble floors, poolside



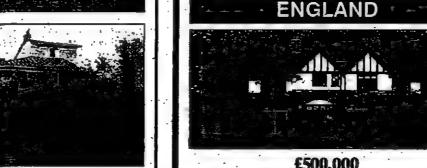
5 beds, 2 receps, library, 2 baths, kitchen/breakfast room. Special features: 12-acre garden. In Barvixa, a rural district 15km west of Moscow. Neighbours



Detached house with small garden 4 beds, 3 receps, 3 baths, kitchen, library, maid's quarters. Special feature: swimming-pool. Set in the exclusive Urca district, at the foot of Sugar Loaf mountain. Only area in Rio that doesn't have slums and/or high-rise buildings.



Restored stone farmhouse 5 beds, 2 receps, 1 bath, separate restored barn apartment and stable apartment. Special features: Stone fireplace, raised swimming pool, rural views. Near Mercatale, Valdarno.



Character house in lawned gardens 2 beds with en-suite bath and dressing rooms, 3 further beds, 3 receps, 1 bath, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room. Special features: Landscaped gardens, split-level sun lounge area, beamed effect ceilings, lead windows. In Esher, Surrey. Built in 1930s with later additions.



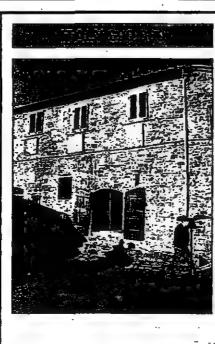
Fully furnished villa in 4-acre plot Master bedroom, en-suite bathroom, 3 beds, 2 receps, 2 baths, fitted kitchen. Special features: Open fire, marble floors. Swimming-pool, views of sea. In Leptos Kamares Village, luxuary development in hills five miles from Paphos town.



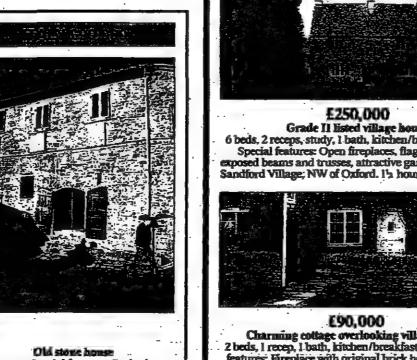
Upmarket flat in smart Moscow district 1 bed, 1 recep, 2 baths, kitchen/breakfast room. Special features: Renovated in Western style. Concierge and security guards. Located in Tverskaya Yamskaya, close to the Kremlin. Former Communist Party officials live in this block.



Middle-floor flat in 22-storey block 3 beds, 2 receps, 2 baths, maid quarters. Special features: Good view across the city and Sugar Loaf mountain. 1950s block in the leafy middle-class district of Flamego near city centre. Surrounded by a park and Rio's older architecture.



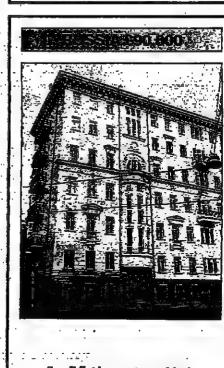
8 rooms. Special features: Set in tiny hamlet near Loro Ciuffenna with pectacular position high above the Arno Valley. Large garden, needs some work.







Special features: Open fire, marble floors. Views of sea. Unfurnished (furnished extra £4,000). To add swimming-pool. £20,000. 2 miles from island's western beaches (same location as above):



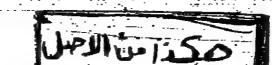
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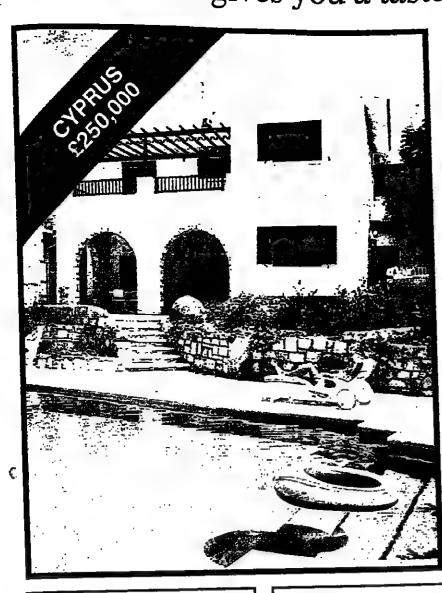


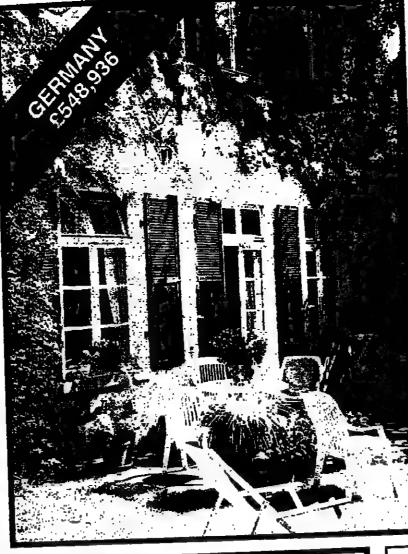
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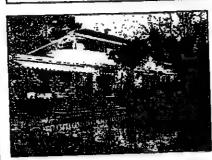




Town villa in suburbs of Bonn 4 beds, 2 receps, study, 2 baths, kitchen. Special features: Original fireplace, large garden with sunny patio, underground double garage and storage area. Built at turn of century, exclusive area

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Bishopscourt Drive, Cape Town 5 beds, master suite with 2 baths, 4 receps, large kitchen, private gym and Jacuzzi, staff accommodation. Special features: Air conditioning, large pool and landscaped gardens. One of the most exclusive addresses in the city



£500,000 Large house with stunning views across Oslo Fjord 3 beds, 2 receps, farm style kitchen, conservatory, terrace. Special features: Indoor swimming pool, sauna.



Detached family house, northwest suburb of Oslo beds, 2 receps, 2 baths, kitchen. Special features: Pine floors, underfloor heating in bathrooms, sunny terrace, typical Norwegian fireplace. Large garden, 2 garages.



£90,000 Central Oslo flat. I bed, I recep, I bath, kitchen Special features: Designer bathroom, small garden, parking. Block sold to all owners, who share costs.





Large home in Vauciuse, Sydney 4 beds. 2 receps, kitchen/breakfast room, 2 baths. Special features: Expansive front terraces, alfresco dining area, courtyard, solar-heated salt water pool. Three car garage. Superb views, prestigious suburb.



Detached luxury home. Ottawa 6 beds, 3 baths, sunken living-room. recreation room in basement, office space, family area, servant quarters. Special features: Large indoor swimming-pool. Set in beautiful Rockcliffe Park.

SOUTH AFRICA 9250,000 £250,000



Large mansion in Johannesburg 4 beds, 4 receps, 3 baths, kitchen, utility room. Special features: Large grounds. Properties in Johannesburg are particularly cheap as the city has an appalling crime rate. You pay for size, privacy and security.



Bungalow, Wahroonga, Sydney 5 beds, 3 receps, games room, kitchen, 3 baths. Special features: Swimmingpool overlooking bushland reserve. Located on Sydney's upper north shore. 25 mins drive from Sydney Harbour Bridge.



Detached family home, Ottawa 5 beds, master with ensuite bath, I recep, large kitchen, recreation room in basement, guest suite with own bath. Special features: Pine panelled walls, wood-burning fireplace. Stunning views of Dow's Lake.

GERMANY 290,000

Detached house near centre of Bonn

4 beds, 2 receps, 2 baths, kitchen. Special features: 600 sq m garden.

double garage. Quiet neighbourhood.



Modern apartment in Cologne
1 bed, 2 receps inc kitchen, 1 bath. Special features: Block known for its modern architectural style.

SOUTH AFRICA 290,000



Detached cottage, Hout Bay, Cape Town 3 beds, 2 receps, 2 baths, kitchen. Special features: Picturesque fishing village and yachting harbour. Cottage overlooks valley where Earl Spencer lives.

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calculates that property move-ments in Britain, and the progress of sterling should enable him to buy a palace in the Antipodes by 1999.

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ROCK: David Sinclair on the massive Masters of Music concert in Hyde Park



A magnificently eye-patched Roger Daltrey leads members of the Who in the first live performance of Quadrophenia for more than 20 years

fter the recent grand set-pieces by young whippersnappers Like Oasis, rock's ancien regime struck back on Saturday with a show that was as far removed from the cutting edge as it is possible to imagine. It was ostensibly the centrepiece of National Music Day, a benefit for the Prince's Trust and an advertising jamboree for its corporate sponsor, Mastercard. But in reality the Masters of Music concert was the unofficial launch of

country; Feliciano obviously finds nothing wrong in mixing a cocktail of his funky instrumental *Affirmation*, John Lennon's Jealous Guy, and the hillybilly refrain of Mule In concert the transition Pete Townshend's next putabetween different idioms was tive Broadway show, a renot always smoothly handled. vamped version of the Who's Marching briskly from one set-piece to another, Feliciano 1973 album, Quadrophenia. did not allow enough time for Prince Charles arrived moments before the group for-merly known as the Who took the concert to find its own

rhythm. And, in the cramped concrete and stainless-steel setting of the Jazz Cafe, his the stage, bringing an approlatest unveiling of this musty "rock opera", which was alband also sounded over-amplified. More acoustic songs wnuid have been welcome. ready an essay in nostalgia But if the jukebox randomwhen it was written. Onite ness of the material was what His Royal Highness sometimes disconcerting, made of Phil Daniels's linking Feliciano's voice attacked each narrative -- about "doing five cartons of leapers every day" melody with absolute conviction, the soulful phrasing nevand other minutiae of the er falling into histrionics. mod/drug/gang culture of the 1960s — is anybody's guess.

CLIVE DAVIS

Stylish sounds of yesteryear

Trevor McDonald, reading

the news (what else?).

assembled on a cold, overcast day were clearly of an age to have experienced these things first hand. Their behaviour is now more sedate, but there was nevertheless a glint in the old collective eye as the band powered into side one, track one: The Real Me.

The problem with Quadrocompared to its predecessor Tommy, it lacks strong characters, narrative coherence and. it must be said, hit songs. For Townshend as a writer, it marked the moment when hard thinking overtook the hard rocking, and most history books rightly mark it down as a concept album too far. But given the limitations of the material, this was an

ful production which, with the aid of filmed back projections. brought what there is of the story dramatically to life. Gary Glitter gave bravura performances of The Punk And The Godfather and I've Had Enough, hurling his microphone stand around in a calamity-defying manner an unwary Roger Daitrey with a black eye during rehearsals David Gilmour sang and played guitar with customary apiomb on The Dirty Jobs. Adrian Edmondson did his usual gurning routine in the title role of Bell Boy and there were brief appearances by Stephen Fry and a bemused

tively low-key presence. He played acoustic guitar, and sang Cut My Hair seated aid the piano, but delegated all electric guitar playing. The static presence of John Entwistle belied the pugnawhile the magnificently eye-patched Daltrey was in fine voice and everywhere at once.

However, the revelation was drummer Zak Starkey (Ringo. Starr's son), who managed to fill the late Keith Moon's shoes with sensational results, especially during the volcanic conclusion of 5.15. He was so right for the job that you almost felt having him on

board would make it worth reconvening the Who on a more permanent basis. Almost. As fixtures on the rock landscape go, none is more permanent or unpredictable than Bob Dylan. With his regular, band augmented by the ubiquitous Ron Wood, he favourites, including All Along The Watchtower, an acoustic Tangled Up In Blue, Seven Days and Highway 61 Revisited, with a diligent application that went some way to atoning for that notorious

closing set at Live Aid. The day ended with the equally greatures Eric Clap-ton, also accompanied by his regular (blues) band and also focusing on the most obvious choices: a leisurely Layla, a sprightly I Shot The Sheriff, a moody Badge and several blues standards including Hoochie Coochie Man and Everyday I Have The Blues. As always he sang and played beautifully and brought a rare touch of sensitivity to a concert on such a grandiose scale. But as with the others, it was a case of an artist stylishly treading water, if not actively drifting backwards.

Sympathy for the she-devil

LONDON audiences cannot get too much of Handel's Semele, it seems. Even after the popular run at the Royal Opera House, there was not a seat to be had at St James's. Piccadilly, on Thursday night for the concert performance under Ivor Bolton.

Nor should anyone have been disappointed, for this was a magnificent performance. The forces of the St James's Baroque Players and Singers were well prepared, and Bolton swept through each act with a palpable dramatic momentum. Many of his tempos were swift, but never uncomfortably so, and he was prepared to relax into a leisurely tempo where the expressive content demanded. Nancy Argenta was made for the role of Semele: her tone is light and flexible yet warm

and affecting, drawing our sympathy to a character whose overweening ambition and narcissism might otherwise repel us. The dazzling runs and florid ornamentation of No, no, I'll take no less stopped the show. Paul Agnew, as her divine wooer, Jupiter, was able to encompass both the aspect of the authority figure and the ardent lover in human form.

As his not unreasonably jealous consort. Juno, Della Jones plundered her chest register with intimidating frequency. In hectoring mode she is undeniably effective — Hence, Iris, hence away! was also received with enthusiasm but it was good to hear her more beguiling side too, as in her cajoling of Sommus.

Lufthansa Festival St James's, Piccadilly

The excellent Catherine Wyn-Rogers was underemployed as Ino, though she made the most of But hark! the heavn'ty sphere turns round — the loveliest music in the score; Ruth Holton took the equally modest role of Iris. Alan Ewing's Cadmus was blustery and ill-focused, Christopher Robson's Athamas a shade disengaged.

The previous evening, one of France's leading early music ensembles. Le Concert Spirituel, gave a programme of motets written for the court. of Louis XIV by Paolo Lorenzani and Jean-Baptiste Lully. Lorenzani and Lully were representatives of respectively Lorenzani's music is still little known, but Le Concert Spirituel proved powerful advo-cates. Hervé Niquet's vigorous direction ensured a vibrant interchange between grands and petits choeurs. The Litanies à la Vierge had an aptly imploring quality, and their peaceful conclusion provided one of many opportunities to admire Le Concert Spirituel's purity of intonation.

Save for one piece, the evening belonged to Lorenzani. The exception was the grand motet Plaude lastere Gallia, by Lorenzani's archrival Lully, delivered with panache and an infectious

BARRY MILLINGTON.

A PENCHANT for writing fugues is clearly one thing that Dave Brubeck and Beethoven, Kurt Weill and Mendelssohn have in common Another is being played by the Brodsky Quartet in the sulfry splendour of the Merchant Taylors' Hall as part of this year's

London Festival This was a world premiere for Brubeck's Chromatic Fantasy. The four-movement quartet represents 40 denselv packed minutes' worth of homage to Bach. The first movement's 12-tone theme is accompanied by a chromatic scale; that of the second movement (Chorale) becomes the counter-subject of the third (Fugue); and elements of it all

work their way into the final The result of all this earnest striving for unity turns out to be a remarkably varied quartet. Pulse and metre are tugged this way and that in the jazz-inspired rhythms of the outer movements; a sentimental elegy lies at its heart; and a sinewy academic exer-cise is sealed with a flurry of

bravura. - Learning is worn less lightly

Brodsky Quartet Merchant Taylors' Hall, EC2

in Kurt Welli's String Quartet.

No I in B minor. This efficientdard formal and technical language of the string quartet at the turn of the century, and frequently speaks with the garrulous voice of Max Reger. The Brodsky Quartet, which had begun its pro-gramme with Mendelssohn's sombre Pugue in E flat, ended it with Beethoven's Op 131 String Ouartet. Throughout the evening it had played standing up and this gave a certain grave dignity to the performance. It seemed so, at least, at the start of the Beethoven: a beginning which sounded far more compelling than anything we had heard earlier. The Brodsky's play-

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Warmed by cold passion IN THIS, its first staging at the Bastille, Bellini's Norma

looks more like a Greek tragedy than a Gallic one. Norma During the opening act the chorus, swathed in black and Bastille, Paris

vocally on top form, com-ments on the action rather than takes part in it, apart from some mildly bellicose gestures when the Druids threaten to rise against their Roman oppressors. Norma, unwisely prophesying Rome's future fall through moral decay, becomes the victim of her own druidical descent from grace in bearing two illegiti-mate children by the Iotal proconsul, Pollione.

The director-designer, Yannis Kokkos, happily draws no contemporary parallels with those who preach family val-ues while failing to abide by them. He stays with a primi tive and inhospitable Gaul, where the trees filling the stage are black, leafless branches. It is not clear just which is the holy oak of Irminsul that Norma and her followers revere, but it is definitely winter and the right time for cutting the sacred mistletoe, preferred signal for the uprising against the

This all makes for a very sombre and rather listless fitst act. Even the moon, Norma's casta diva which she hones will bring peace to Gaul, is allowed to throw precious little light. But Kokkos's single basic set brings dividends later when Nortoa admits her moral failings in a snow covered forest and marches to a noble death amid the flames

covering the rear of the stage. It also provides a properly solemn framework for Caro Vaness's Medea-like performance in the title role. She has only recently taken on the part and sections of it are still in the making notably Casta diva itself, which was uncomfortas a younger and slighter version of Norma, so explaining the switch of Pollione's favours from the top priestess to one of the underlings. But it is the voice that really counted, a nich and blessedly secure

ably cautious for a sourano mezzo, interleaving with who is at her best when being Vaness's creamy soprano. extrovert. By Act II she was in full command, though, knife the scheduled Pollione, Franco shining in the hand poised Parina, at the last minute, was above the throats of her childan impassive figure to begin with, the voice varying alarmren. Here was the figure straight from Racine, which is ingly in volume, but he gained straight from Racine, which is probably what Kokkos was after. All her vocal opulence was now on display and the whole of the final scene was achieved with utmost dignity. in confidence. Dimitri Kavrakos was a solid Oroveso. Carlo Rizzi, the conductor, was unusually subdued, probably mindful that he had Vaness thust have drawn to help his tenor along during much support from having a top-class and highly experi-enced Adalgisa by her side. the punishing opening scene.

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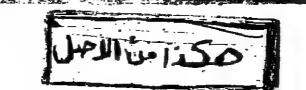


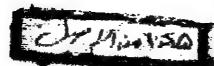


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Daniel Rosenthal visits the battered, but unbowed, Manchester Royal Exchange

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floor, a large gash in the banner hanging over the main entrance, a shattered spotlight above the stage door - the impact of the bomb the IRA detonated on June 15 on the exterior of the Royal Exchange Thearre, Manchester, is instantly apparent to all who pass by the police barriers cordoning off the devastated city centre.

But it is the as-yet unquantified damage to the giant glass domes set into the roof of the 19th-century

try's foremost venues will be closed for at least seven months probably much longer - and which has left the Royal Exchange Theatre Conpany bracing itself for a £500,000 deficit in a year when it was on course to make a

profit The Exchange. which for more than 20 years has attracted leading names like Albert Finney and Helen Mirren to star in classical and

contemporary work, stands just 250 yards from the point where the IRA bomb lorry was parked. A preliminary structural survey carried out after the blast by the building's owners, the Prudential, produced a double-edged diagnosis which left joint artistic director Braham Murray feeling "shock, rage, sorrow and impotence". He was told that the seven-sided auditorium, a spaceshiplike steel and glass module sitting on what was once a teeming cottontrading floor, had escaped unscathed; but the three glass domes, integral to the building's structure, were dam-

question for a minimum of seven "It's been a terribly emotional.

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the engineers said that allowing people

into the theatre would be out of the

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frustrating two weeks," Murray says. But you only have to look at what little is left of the Marks & Spencer store opposite the theatre to realise how much worse it might have been.

Forced to cancel the remaining performances of Stanley Houghton's Hindle Wakes, just ten highly successful days into its run, the company has railied round to make alternative arrangements for its next production. The Philadelphia Story, and its

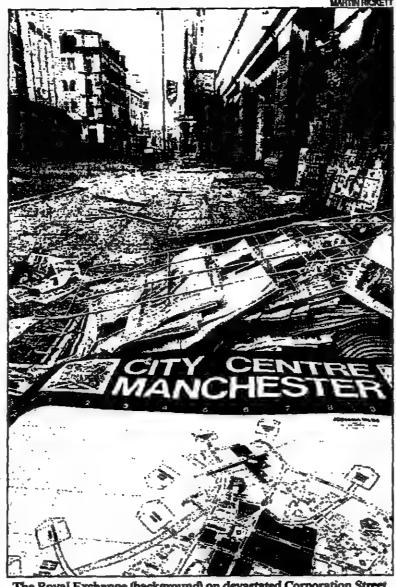
autumn/winter season. That Philip Barry's comedy will open building that means one of the coun- as planned on July II is thanks to the

Exchange's mobile theatre, an exact replica of the main stage. Built in 1983 to enable the company to take productions on tour without needing to hire other venues, it will be erected at the Upper Camplield Market, owned by the city council and a short walk from the Exchange.

"Ir's astonishingly lucky that we have the mobile, and that the council is letting us stay in Upper Campfield for the foreseeable future," says Murray.

Among the organisations offering help, BBC North is playing a starring role, allowing "shell-shocked" company staff to turn two large Portakabins behind its Oxford Road studios into a makeshift box office and production base. The American director Josephine Abady is rehearsing her Philadelphia Story cast in a BBC television studio and, later this week, the complex will host eight performances of Hindle Wakes - minus a set which is for lornly gathering dust in the Exchange auditorium.

Andy Ryans, the Exchange's marketing director, says the crisis is revealing the deep loyalty of the theatre's patrons. "Many people holding tickets for cancelled performances have rung saying, 'We don't want a refund, the



The Royal Exchange (background) on devastated Corporation Street

money's better off with you. That's remarkable."

Amid all this frantic activity, no one has lost sight of the financial implications of the bombing. The mobile theatre seats only 400, compared to 700 at the Exchange. Even if there were full houses throughout the coming months, Murray says a revenue shortfall of at least £500,000 would remain inevitable, a "desperately unfair" blow a year after the company returned a £144,000 profit. He hopes the Arts Council and Manchester's local authorities will provide short-term aid, but the soon-to-be announced outcome of the compa-

ny's £13 million National Lottery bid for a £17 million refurbishment has now taken on even greater signifi-cance. Ironically, the bombing may have accelerated the redevelopment.

"Our original plan was to close from June 1997 to September 1998, performing in the mobile during the refit. But now we could stay closed and complete the work by February 1998," Murray says. "Without the lottery grant we will be facing a catastrophe. If we get the money the bombing may just have been a very nasty hiccup."

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Scandinavian intrigue

ent David MacDonald), the or expire — as a symbol for most influential critic and theatre director in mid-19th century Copenhagen, but a man from whom the tide of fashion is steadily retreating. Johanne Luise Heiberg (Sian Thomas), his wife with the curiously similar name, is the leading actress of her day. After ludicrously bungling a loyal address to the Danish sovereign (his dentures fall out and he bursts into tears) Andersen comes weeping to the Heibergs, whose marriage he believes to be the

Rain Snakes Young Vic Studio

ideal of love. He is in for a

The author is Per Olov Enquist, Swedish novelist, dramatist and screenwriter. and the company is Nordlys, set up by the Danish/Norwegian theatre director Kim Damhaek and the Danish producer Charlotte Barshund to show that Scandinavian countries have actually produced playwrights since the death of Strindberg and Ibsen. 84 and 90 years ago.

The central relationship within the play is between Andersen and Fru Heiberg. he ludicrously humble, she infuriated by his naivety.
Andersen's discovery of his power to return the attack does not emerge clearly - not a flaw in the playing, I suspect, but in the play. My other complaint, and still not a major one, is that Enquist feels he must tell us the identity of the horrified old woman (Imogen Claire) sit-ting speechless on a chair, instead of allowing us to work it out for ourselves.

But the play's ideas and the performances in Dambaek's production are fascinating. MacDonald's wintry, feathery voice and guarded glances reveal a man at a loss to know how to stand firm on shifting ground. Thomas creates a striking portrait of a woman forever tainted by her childhood, lustful yet loveless: her eyes glitter, she paces the room like a tragedy queen. and her voice arches over the anguished Andersen, breaks around him and is still.

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■ What turns politicians into rebels: is it fate or the fact that an act of defiance leads to a taste for independence?

the Awkward Squad.
This was the working title a BBC producer and I gave a series of four little radio programmes we have been making about rebels and mavericks in politics, and we've stuck with it. Michael Blastland and I now feel like consultant psychiatrists to the Awkward Squad.

Our aim has been to make this a personal investigation: one surely hears enough as it is about the issues - issues like Teresa Gorman's Euro-scepticism, or Tam Dalyell's crusade to discover the truth about Lockerbie. But what makes a Tam or a Teresa tick? Were they dropped on their heads as babies? Are they bitter or jolly, are they ostracised in the Commons on by more conformist colleagues? Do party whips secretly admire their tormentors, and do members of the Awkward Squad secretiv hanker after accen-

tance, and authority? I decided to ask. My intended short chats with a handful of the Awkward Squad turned into hours of

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fascinating interviews. I cast my net widely to include not only famous troublemakers, but quiet dissenters and courteous loners too: from the cool and amiable John Biffen to the still-fiery Dave Nellist, out of

Parliament and expelled from the Labour trail. Often I found that Party for his Militant sym-

Mrs Gorman reminded me of her ambition to be canonised as St Teresa of the Menopause. John Redwood refused to accept that he was a rebel at all. Tam Dalyell launched into a learned disquisition on the fate of a flightless bird, the Pink-Footed Boobie, on Aldabra Atoll And Norman Lamont was quite jolly about the joys of life as a born-again back bencher.

sadness behind some of my Awkward Squaddies' stoic resignation to marching out of step. Sir Julian Critchley may be famous for the gaiety of his cynicism, but revealed a depth of idealism few would suspect. He felt

Nicholas Winterton, whose Macclesfield constituents probably think their maverick MP was born to rage against administrations of every colour, admitted that at first he had desperately wanted to be a minister. When his heroine, Margaret Thatcher, failed to oblige, there followed for him many months of intense bitterness and pique. Lord Wakeham, for some years his Chief Whip, told me he thought Winterton might once have made a very good minister.

It is hard to think of a sharper contrast than that between the storming populism of a Winterton, and the tiveness of Frank Field.

field has the manner of a brilliant young curate, condemned to a rough parish. The Birkenhead MP, who survived Militant plots to remove him and whose thankless destiny has been to think (for Labour) the unthinkable on Social Security, told me of a strange childhood memory. He recalled: walking, solitary but far from lonesome, through

meadows, "to see where other people were". Ken Livingstone despaired of team work, finding the Commons a bear-pit 651 competing egos". Lord Tebbit thought teamwork essential and insisted he liked nothing better than to march in step. Alan Howarth was "haunted" by the faces of Tory friends who had helped him, now that he had gone over to Labour, Julian Critchley relied on the esteem of the few he respected rather than the cheers of his local Conserva-

tive club. Teresa Gorman told me she's been an entertainer from the cot, and staged Joyce Grenfell impressions for chums, for tuppence, as a girl. But I felt that she, too,

was gripped by an undeclared rage at being confined to Lord Wakeham fondly described the Awkward Squad as a collection "of absolute haskets": entertainer And what do I

think? Looking from for innate quali-ties shared by the cot' rebels is a false

what "turned" a man or woman into a political loner was an event. Circumstances had provoked a single rebellion: having re-belled they found the Earth they were no less wellregarded for their act of defiance. So the taste for independence grew.

s any schoolteacher knows, once a boy or habit sticks. Perhaps we are all the same larvae, and whether we turn into workers, queen bees or drones depends on whether fate happens to slip a little royal jelly into our diet. Was it Aristotle who said that "it is by acting bravely that we become brave"? It may be that it is by acting rebelliquisty that we become

John . Wakeham's insistence, to me, that a whip seeks at almost any cost to avert the initial act of rebellion, seemed to me to reflect the secret fear that must always stalk the corridors of civil authority: order is maintained mostly by bluff. If more than a handful rebel, the State totters.

I finished the interviews teased in my mind by this question: are we, in asking why people disobey, asking the right question? Perhaps we should ask why people obey.

The Awkward Squad starts on July 8 at 8.45am on Radio 4

A fable of the future: how political actions can have some very unexpected consequences

Back to the future or et me tell the story how a young English Prince became the first Emperor of the new Europe, "Unser gute Kaiser Wilhelm", as his loving German subjects call him. It is Kaiser Bill's Europe an historical object lesson that the consequences of political actions are far more important than anything intended at the time. The process all started with the Scottish referendum of 1998, or perhaps two years earlier when the English first demonstrated

Scotland, and in England as well, break with Westminster. The outlarly a focus in the European tradi-and only remained as a rather come of the IGC was the Treaty of tion. In 2005 John Redwood made a pathetic symbol of Unionist loyalty in Belfast. The first act of the new Scottish government was to make application for full independent membership of the European Union.

In the meantime, three other. European regional parties had reached a similar stage, the Christian Social Union in Bavaria broke away from their CDU partners in 2001; the Catalans decided to opt for full independence inside Europe in 2002; in the same year Umberto Bossi's Northern League had obtained more than 50 per cent of the vote in ten man 50 per cent of the vote in tea electoral districts in northern Italy. All three joined Scotland in demand-ing direct membership of the Euro-pean Union. In Bavaria, a referendum campaign led by Dr. Hans Jorg, the great-grandson of the heroic anti-Prussian statesman of the 1869, won a massive victory under the slogan, "A free Bavaria in a free Europe". Following the demands of Scotland, Lombardy, Catalonia and Bavaria, there came the Basques, Wales, Ulster, the two ex-Belgiums

The inter-governmental conference (IGC) of 2004 had to be held in Luxembourg because that was the which was not faced with some claim for regional autonomy. At the IGC over 30 claimant nations were represented as observers. Strict security had to be observed, as the IRA were opposed to the permanent division of Ireland into two different member states of the European Union, even though they were pleased at the final

and even Prussia.

Luxembourg which provided for a European Union of no less than 50 states, of which 16 were German

As one excited delegate put it: "We have taken Europe back behind Napoleon", but others saw it as taking Europe back into the Middle Ages. It soon became apparent that the new federal Europe had indeed returned to an 18th-century balance of power. Germany had again be-

William Rees-Mogg

come a group of little states, though with Prussia re-emerging and with Bavaria as a significant south German power. The two largest surviving states were Prance and England; when they were in agreement, which was rare, no one else could stand against them. Southern Italy was very poor, in the absence of subsidies from the North; there was even a proposal to return the Papal states to the Pope. Without Catalan industry, Madrid was bankrupt, but Catalonia became one of Europe's great centres of economic growth. The French and Spanish Basques began blowing each other up.

The main problem proved to be that the new Europe of 50 states lacked a focus of loyalty, and particu-

serious mistake. He put the Treaty of Luxembourg to the English people in an English referendum. To his surprise, and against his advice, they

voted "Yes", preferring to be one of the two largest states in a federal Europe of the 50 to being a lonely little nation outside. Nevertheless English nationalism remained a strong political force, and the Conservatives were comfortably able to win the general election of 2006 on the slogan of "No European taxes".

It was the Prince of Goldsmith, Grand Duke of the Most Holy Roman Empire, who provided the answer. He arranged what has been called the Royal Entente. Its first provision was that the Goldsmith estate, now known as the Field of the Cloth of Goldsmith, should finance divorces at a rate of \$50 million for each and every European Princess who might wish for one. Those heirs to European thrones who felt that it would be prudent could put \$20 million down to be invested for their future matrimonial costs. There was also an inner agree-

ment, the private compact. Prince William agreed to marry, and divorce, in succession, all the senior princesses of Europe, thus acquiring the claims to the single European throne of each of the present European royal families, while providing each family with an endowment of \$50 million. The English parliament in 2005 repealed the vulgar and obsolete "no popery" provisions of the Act of Settlement. Prince William obtained the full dispensation and

necessary divorces from the Pope which had so unwisely been denied to his forebear King Henry VIII. The Prince's final and present wife, by a fortunate coincidence, is a Spanish Princess called Catherine of Aragon.

The French parliament was, with some difficulty, persuaded to enact that most of French history, including Joan of Arc and the French Revolution had been an unfortunate mistake, and that the Plantagenet claim to the throne of France had always been a good one. The Plantagenets were, after all, a French family who happened to be Kings of England, Hanover repealed the Salic law, and reinvested Queen Victoria as the rightful Queen of Hanover, the throne going by dissent from her to Prince William

Prince Charles decided to become the King Father of England, in order to facilitate this fortunate chain of events. Prince William, having by then acquired most of the thrones of Europe, or at least a reversion to them, accepted from the Bavarian Royal Family the renunciation of their Stuart claim to the throne of England itself. The Hapsburgs were restored to the throne of Austria, and given back their palaces in Vienna.

hat was how it came about that the Electors of the Holy Roman Empire reversed the decree of dissolution of 1806. They denounced it as a wrongful act done under the influence of the usurper Bonaparte. They then elected William, King of England, Scotland, Wales, France and Hanover as the new Charlemagne, and successor to the Emperor Augustus. The Emperor Wilhelm now presides as a constitutional monarch over a peaceful and United Europe of 50 quiet little states. He has decided to make the Palace of Versailles his main home and is turning Louis XIV's park back into private pleasure gardens, but in return will be opening the gardens of

Is Blair a step too far ahead?

Labour's leader this week unveils his 'millennium pledges', but is the party behind him?

their revived nationalism, long since buried in the United Kingdom and

the Union Jack, by flaunting the cross

of St George in the Euro 96 matches.

bered, a large majority of Scottish voters supported the proposal for a

Scottish parliament with taxing pow-

ers: the Weish, by a smaller margin, voted for their relatively impotent assembly. By the end of the year there

were three parliaments in Britain,

with a fourth promised for Northern

Ireland. England was the only nation.

without its own parliament, as the

Scottish, Welsh and Irish members

still voted on English matters at

Westminster. Although the Conservative Party had not done as badly as expected under John Major's leader-

ship in the 1997 general election, it had still lost. His successor, John

Redwood, took a Euro-sceptic and English nationalist line which be-

came increasingly popular.

By the following general election the inherent contradictions in Tony

Blair's policy of constitutional re-form, and the continued weakness of

the European economy, resulted in

the great Tory victory of 2002. John

Redwood won on an uncompromis-

ingly English nationalist platform, promising the establishment of an

English parliament, with a smaller "United Kingdom" parliament to deal mainly with foreign affairs and

defence. The following year saw a Scottish backlash, with a massive

Scottish nationalist victory in the Edinburgh parliament. The Union

Jack was pulled down everywhere in

In 1998, as will be well remem-

ony Blair has turned into the most ruthless and deter-mined leader in Labour history. None of his predecessors - not Attlee nor Gaitskell at the height of their powers - would have brushed aside the doubts of party colleagues and trade union

By comparison, Margaret Thatcher in her opposition years from 1975 to 1979 was a timid seeker after party consensus. No wonder the Tories are so muddled about how to deal with Mr Blair. The crucial question is not whether Mr Blair is genuine in trying to turn Labour into a "new" party he is - but whether, in John Redwood's phrase, he is "pushing his party far too far against its instincts?"

The shift involves much more than the row of the past week over the promise to hold referendums for Scottish and Welsh devolution, symbolic though these are of current tensions. More important has been the series of policy statements; which, almost every other day, have drooped or limited existing commitments on, for example, education, pensions, and labour laws. Comprehensive schools are to be reformed; existing grammar schools retained if parents want them: Trident is to be kept and, if necessary, used (to Robin Cook's audible discomfort).

This process will culminate this week with the publication of a 10,000word draft manifesto setting out priorities for government defined by Gordon Brown's campaign to shed Labour's "high-tax and high-spend-ing" image. Mr Blair will claim that Labour would not have to raise public spending, and hence the tax burden, above the levels planned by



the Tories. This is linked with a change of strategy. There will be no more grand sounding visions, such as the vacuously Kennedyesque "young country".

There is now a consciously incremental approach, based on the view that voters are looking for promises, however modest, which they believe can be achieved. As Mr Blair wrote in the June issue of Prospect magazine: Winning trust depends on showing vision and competence. And proving competence is done in the details as

much as the big vision".

Consequently, on Thursday, Mr
Blair will unveil what he likes to call flagship commitments; which are being rechristened "millennium pledges" to catch the headlines. These are intended to reconcile the overall caution with the need to convince

voters that Labour could make a

difference in power. The pledges include using money from scrapping the assisted places scheme to limit class sizes to 30 or less for five to seven-year-olds; using a one off windfall tax on the utilities to finance training for the young and long-term unemployed; detailed plans to cut youth crime, and transferring money from NHS administration to reduce waiting lists. Apart from the windfall tax, all the pledges are to be financed from savings within existing budgets. These are always easier to promise than to deliver and can be wishful

This approach can be caricatured

as a kinder-gentler version of That-cherism, though it is based on a strategy for improving the nation's

skills and ability to compete. Left-wing intellectuals are already complaining about Mr Blair's acceptance of global free markets and his reluctance to embrace comprehensive economic and social, as well as constitutional, change. Their doubts do not matter. Mr Blair understands

the aspirations of the Middle England voters which Labour has lost since 1979 more than they ever will. More important is whether he is losing touch with his MPs. The Scottish row has revealed the suspi-cions of many Labour members about a lack of consultation and highhanded style. It is not just Left-wing critics or the already disenchanted such as Paul Flynn. Many mainstream spokesmen complain of arrogance and alcomess, as well as being uneasy about the shift away from Labour roots in the unions and the 1001

The referendum row may also make a post-election deal with the Liberal Democrats harder. The Scottish Lib-Dem MPs have been closest to Labour but they will now have to answer party charges that Mr Blair cannot be trusted.

ut Mr Blair and his allies 🖑 are not just some Leninist vanguard who have hiacked Labour. The novel feature of Blairism is that he has leapfrogged the activists and enfranchised the mass of the party membership through the ballots which overwhelmingly approved the rewrit-ing of Clause Four last year.

Similarly, now, this week's minimanifesto will not only be debated by time, but it will then be put to a ballot of the 380,000 individual members. They are in every sense Blair's people, not least because a third have joined under his leadership. This process has been dubbed "getting your betrayal in first" - committing the whole party to policies before an election so that activists cannot cry betrayal later when Labour is in office. Mr Blair wants to avoid the fate of the last two Labour governments, in 1964-79 and 1974-79, which were undermined by charges of betrayal from activists who then pushed the party sharply to the Left when it lost office.

Mr Blair is right to avoid woolly fudges and compromises in policy-making, even if it involves bruised feelings now. Thursday's statement matters too much and, on the basic policies, he is correct. But he cannot govern without the active support of Labour MPs. He has to start building bridges, now. He would be well advised, for example, to allow this autumn's Shadow Cabinet elections to go ahead rather than risk an explosion of frustration in the preelection period. Mr Blair will need his MPs behind him when it matters. during the inevitable squalls and storms of office.

Donor kebab

THERE will be an awful froideur in Whitehall tonight as John Ma-jor, along with senior Tory officials. meets the Serbian-born businessman whose donations to the Conservative Party are currently the subject of a highly sensitive inter-nal inquiry. Despite the Central Office probe, which is trying to discover the exact provenance of his wealth, Zoran Tancic has been invited to a do for a clutch of the



Conservative Party's biggest donors.

It was in May that the party chairman, Brian Mawhinney, an-nounced an inquiry into Tancic, who is reported to have given up to E50,000, in 1994, and another £10,000 already this year to the party. Mawhinney vowed to return the cash if there was any basis to allegations that Tancic was linked to nastier Bosnian-Serb elements, including Radovan Karadzic.

The ailegations have proved wholly without foundation, but still the inquiry has not been wrapped up. This makes it very odd that Tancic has been invited by the Prime Minister, Mawhinney and Lord Hambro, the party's senior treasurer, to tonight's bash. The form at the these things, after all, is for the guests to make further

donations as they leave. Central Office is exasperated at Mawhinney's failure to tie up the departure may rob the firm of some case quickly. "We have allowed Mr Tancic's name to be dragged across the press without publicly exonerating him, says a Central Office of not releasing the results of the John McCarthy and Terry Waite

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inquiry becomes even more acute. Labour will bay for them ever louder. But to release them would set a terrible precedent for the Tories who would then be pressed into endless inquiries into every foreign businessman whose coin ever crossed their palm.

● Literary agents will be suffering from sore dialling fingers this morning as reports emerge that Mark Lucas, one of the sharpest in their business, is striking out on his own. Until now the star name at Peters Fraser and Dunlop, his serious business. In recent years, Lucas has handled such prize as well as the former derivatives trader Nick Lesson.

Off key

TESTY scenes at the Royal Opera House on Friday evening when a staff meeting erupted into a bar-rage of abuse aimed at the senior management. Sitting up on stage were Jeremy Isaacs, general director of the Opera House, and Mike Morris, director of personnel. After initial skirmishing, the staff who are facing severe cutbacks turned.

You have ripped the heart out of a once great institution," cried one, to which Isaacs responded with a curt "I don't agree with that". The evening rounded up with staff baying out, calling the whole swath of senior management "pathetic". Little wonder that Morris, who has grappled mightily with the prehistoric backstage working practices of the Opera House said that the place was ron "as if Thatcher had, never happened".

● Unfair accusations of misertiness have been levelled at Cubby "Feed Me" Broccoli, the hefty pro-



"Feed Me" Broccoh and friend

the opening titles to the Bond films, died in 1991 Broccoli not only three a terrific memorial party at the National Film Theatre but also did his best: Don Corleone, handing out £20 notes to all the children present. He did not even seem to mind when the grabbier parents sent the shavers in for seconds of Broccoli's largesse.



scorching cooking recipes. William Waldegrave, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury and MP for Bristol West, had parked his Renault Espace in Bristol city centre. Returning to his car, however, he found both his diary and a briefcase containing the proofs for his wife Caroline's forthcoming cookery book had been snatched. Now he is appealing to the larcenists. The briefcase contained

nothing of value or to do with the Government," he said, "but my diary was kept at the time of my mother's death last year so I miss it very

Dressdown

WHEN President Mandela hits London next week for his state visit, he has been told by Buckingham Palace that when it comes to dress code, he is a free agent. Though his taste in suits is immaculate, Mandela has a worrying weakness for garish shirts.

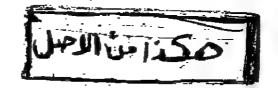
The lax dress regulations, how-ever, will just add to the visit's lengthening list of idiosyncracies most of them requested by

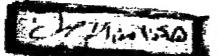


Mandela: colourful dresser

president will have the Royal Family to lunch at the Dorchester Hotel with trade union officials and businessmen. Hours later he is expected to do his party trick of jiving on stage when together with the Queen, he attends a pop concert at the Albert Hall.

Whereas most heads of state spend one day of their visit outside London, Mandela has chosen instead to head for Brixton, in south London, to meet the locals.







IRELAND SHOULD LEAD

Governments must solve problems in their own backyards

With the beef war now simmering rather than boiling and the summer summit season coming to an end, the governments of the EU can turn to graver matters. Today the Irish Government takes over the EU's rotating presidency from the Italians and has set itself a forbiddingly serious order of business. The priorities proclaimed for the next six months are drugs and jobs. It is bitterly ironic that Ireland should think to lead Europe in a fight against drugs in the week after the country's leading investigative journalist. Veronica Guerin, was murdered by criminals whose trafficking she had done so much to expose.

Veronica Guerin's murder was not just the end of a brave and principled life. it marked the impotence of the Irish Government to deal with the professional criminals whose arrogance and brutality have gnawed at the security of the Irish state and its citizens. Better co-operation among the nations of the EU may make some drugdealing easier to tackle, but the restoration of order in Ireland's lawless criminal ghettos will come from determined action within the state's borders, not agreements across them. A more efficient police force, tighter bail laws, and more certain punishment are within the power of the Irish Government and will do more to strengthen the fight against drugs and honour Veronica Guerin's memory than any number of communiqués.

As for jobs, although Ireland is one of the EU's fastest growing economies it is also one of those with the highest levels of unemployment. And as with drugs, so with jobs, it is government actions, such as Britain's low tax and light regulation regime, not intergovernmental agreements such as the social chapter, which are seen to make a difference for the better.

In the mature phase of European integration, merely making agreements is not enough: their architects should be able to show that collective action can reach parts of the problem or achieve success which national governments alone cannot match.

We may search in vain the speeches outlining Ireland's specific priorities for the presidency from the Foreign Minister Dick Spring and his colleagues. The EU's smaller states, when they represent the Union outside its borders, feel under a mistaken obligation to convince the world that the Union has a fully-fledged foreign policy. Since EU joint foreign policy is anything but fully-fledged, this error only produces diplowaffle in industrial quantities. Is Mr Spring's time really well spent intoning sentences such as: "Recent events in Liberia and Burundi have reminded the international community of how important it is to provide a peaceful alternative to the violent pursuit of change in Africa."

In the debate over the revision of the Maastricht treaty, the size of the state affects the national view. Ireland is the first small nation to take the chair of the "Maastricht II" negotiations, and it will bring into the open half-concealed differences of interest between the big and small states. The voice of the smaller states has been missing from the drifting and directionless debates over the treaty so far. On those points and others the inter-governmental conference needs clarifying realism above all else.

A QUESTION OF DEGREE

Inflation in first degrees devalues the gold standard

The natural tendency of each generation is to believe that its successors have life too easy. Thus the news that many more undergraduates are winning first-class and uppersecond degrees automatically raises suspicions that marking has become more lenient rather than students more industrious. In this case, however, those who fear that the currency is being devalued have some genuine ground for concern.

A new study, to be published later in the summer, finds potentially alarming evidence of degree inflation. The Higher Education Quality Council studied 300,000 students' degree results at the old universities from 1973 to 1993. It found that the proportion winning Firsts had risen from 11 to 14 per cent; and the proportion gaining a 2:1 was up from 31 to 44 per cent. Now a clear majority of graduates leave university with the critical job-winning degree: a 2:1 or better.

There must be some force to the argument that students are working harder. Until the early 1980s, schoolchildren were told that if they went to university, they would get a good job; if they went to Oxford or Cambridge, they could choose which good job to take. The recession of 1981-83 was the first in which even Oxbridge graduates found themselves involuntarily unemploved.

But this coincided with a huge rise in the numbers of young people going on to higher education. In the period under study, undergraduate numbers doubled. Other things being equal, then, it would be odd if the proportion gaining top degrees had not halved - assuming that the new entrants

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were at the lower end of the ability range for university. So it is difficult to imagine how performance could have risen quite as sharply as the HEQC study has detected.

It is rather easier to imagine how standards could have slipped. Continuous assessment plays a greater part in degree classification: which is good news for students who perform badly under pressure, but also for those who copy out someone else's essay. Given that most postgraduate study now demands a First, and many jobs a 21, there must be pressures on examiners to tend towards the charitable. The subject that showed least improvement in the study, civil engineering, is the one whose standards are most rigorously policed by an outside professional body.

The question will not be resolved until a qualitative study is made of examination papers and answers then and now. But if there is even the slightest slippage in standards, it is a serious matter. Not only is it unfair to those who won good degrees at a time when they denoted excellence; it is also dangerous for the health of the university system and the jobs market.

In America, a first degree is such a devalued currency that almost any ambitious employee needs to go on to graduate school to win a good job. Britain is already moving that way. But the quality of its first degrees has always given it a competitive advantage. For a few jobs, a second degree is essential; for many others, it is little more than a way of marking out talent. That could and should be the task of first degree classification. Universities must ensure that it remains so.

BLOOD AND BONE

The Becket casket bears a potent part of our history

Great art may transcend borders in its capacity to inspire, but there are some works that speak with special power to the soul of a nation. This country is diminished by the loss of those works that are part of its patrimony and contain something of the essence of these islands. The dramatically beautiful reliquary casket (or chasse) which Sofheby's auction this Thursday and which is believed to have held the blood and bones of St Thomas à Becket is such a work.

Becket's story and the casket are part of the blood and bones of Britain. In the days before the casket is auctioned, every muscle must be strained to keep it on these shores so that future generations can meditate on the hartyr who inspired such beauty.

Becker's story is as encrusted and overlaid with myth and interpretation as the casket is With crystals and copper. The manner of his murder and the remarkable power of his cult have overshadowed a life that eludes asy assessment but embodies great, and Cry English, virtues.

Becket was a man who rose by talent, placed principle above connections and stood out against centralising and arrogant authority. He gave his life, in the words of I.S. Eliot's Murder in the Cathedral. "to the Law of God above the Law of Man". In so doing he set an example for the many inglish martyrs who fought for conscience and whose sacrifices helped define the character of a nation sturdy for liberty, from the Roman Catholic St Thomas More to the Protestants whose inspiring passion was chronicled by John Fox.

Bocket's story inspires men far beyond England. The image of the Archbishop slaughtered in his own cathedral for defying emporal authority captured the attention of Christendom. Canterbury became a place of migrimage not just for the English arche-Types who people Chaucer's pages but for

the faithful across Europe. It is estimated that over 100,000 pilgrims travelled to Canterbury in one year in the 14th century making Becket's shrine more popular even than St James Compostella in Spain.

But strong though Becket's hold on the hearts of many Medieval Christians may have been, his blood left its mark most obviously in England. Becket's secular career, from low-born Londoner to Chancellor, is one of the earliest examples of the primacy of merit over birth that gave England its vigour. Becket's subsequent translation from politician to priest exemplifies the English capacity to enjoy worldly fruits before deferring to higher duty, a trait common to men as woven into the nation's sense of itself as Henry V and John Donne.

Most powerfully of all, Becket's death at the hands of Henry II's knights has lived in the English imagination as a sacrifice for the right to resist absolute authority. Becket's jealous defence of the Church's privileges and especially his own as Archbishop of Canterbury may have had its roots in pride. Becket's pretensions certainly caused Gilbert Foliot, his rival and Bishop of London, to brand Becket an "ass". But Becket's stand against the over mighty monarch and his insistence on the Church's autonomy won

him persistent and unyielding devotion. The history of England's evolution has been the story of liberties wrested and defended from Crown and Court. The efforts of men from De Montfort through Pym and Hampden to the glorious revolutionaries of 1688 have their aboriginal echo in Becket's stand against the tyranny of his times. The chasse that goes under the hammer on Thursday may not be the spiritual art of British independence, but it bears far more than just the disputed fragments of a distant saint's body - it holds a poignant, powerful part of our history. It must be saved.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Morality of cuts in Global climate change and how it should be tackled asylum benefits

From the Anglican Bishop of Liverpool and others

Sir, The Home Secretary is of course correct to say (letter, June 25) that the authority of the courts is subordinate to Parliament [see letters, June 28]. The Court of Appeal accepted as much in its ruling on asylum benefit cuts on June 21. However, Mr Howard signally fails to respond to the strong moral basis of the appeal judgment. It is a long time since the judges have made such a vigorous moral case on a political matter.

Where we differ from the Home Secretary is in his continued reiteration of the view that all asylum-seekers who fail to obtain the increasingly difficult starus of refugee are simply seeking to obtain benefits or "be themselves economically". All the agencies who deal consistently with large numbers of the refugees refute this hypothesis.

Most people who leave their homes do not wish to do so. Most of them come from countries or situations in which there are civil unrest, detention, extra-judicial killings and even outright conflict. Last month, for example, when a number of church leaders visited a north London church housing asylum-seekers without benefits, they found refugees from Somalia, Chechenia, Romania, The Gambia and Nigeria sleeping on the floor.

That particular church has cared for dozens of asylum-seekers over the last three months. Its minister, the Reverend Lance Stone, says it is perfectly clear to him that they are from genuinely dangerous situations and that they do not fit the label of economic migrants which Mr Howard is so determined to fix upon them.

An ecumenical report issued this week by the Catholic diocese of Westminster estimates that 13,000 such asylum-seekers are now without benefit, living off friends or relations. It forecast that this figure may rise to 47,000 by the end of the year.

Peter Lilley, speaking in Southwark Cathedral on June 13, said: We have a duty to help those unable to help themselves. The rich must help the poor, the healthy must help the sick; the strong support the weak. This is an obligation Conservatives accept just as do other par-ties . . . It is part of our common Christian heritage in this country.

We could not have put it better our-selves. We trust the Government will think again about its plans to deny benefits to large numbers of asylum-

TDAVID LIVERPOOL, TRICHARD UXON:. **†DAVID RIPON.** TROY SOUTHWARK, The Council of Churches for Britain and Ireland, Inter-Church House. 35-41 Lower Marsh, SEI.

Britain and the EU

From Mr John Davis

Sir, Mr Leolin Price, QC (letter June 26), says that "we did not join the Community in 1973 with a view to creating a government superior to ours". Maybe not, but that is what we did. This would have been obvious at the time to anybody troubling to read the Treaty of Rome.

Mr Price suggests that the only re-medy is to leave the Union. If one wishes to eliminate this particular tier of government he is probably right. I am beginning to feel that, with Empire gone, with everybody struggl-

ing to find a solution to the problems of Northern Ireland, and with the Welsh and Scots increasingly pressing for a degree of self-government. the UK Government may have become an expensive, anachronistic and irrelevant tier of government too

Watching our MPs debating European issues as dishonestly as they did in the 1975 referendum campaign, with their eyes focused on short-term party or personal advantage, does nothing to alleviate this feeling.

Yours faithfully. I. A. DAVIS. 54 Woodlands Road, Bookham, Surrey.

From Sir Michael Spicer, MP for

Worcestershire South (Conservative) Sir, Sir William Nicoll, in his letter of June 21, is mistaken. The European Research Group has campaigned consistently for a phased repatriation of the common agricultural policy. Our manifesto, A Europe of Nations, stated that "the EU should move to return responsibility for agricultural policy and farm subsidies to the Member

The common agricultural policy has nothing to do with free trade. On the contrary, it is built on distorted prices, intervention buying and protectionism. It costs the average family £1,450 per year, contributes to terrible poverty in the developing world and penalises Britain uniquely as a food importer with an efficient farming

sector. Sir William is right to remind us that the CAP is the one policy over which the EU has exercised sole jurisdiction for 35 years. There is surely no better argument against extending EU competence into new areas.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL SPICER (Chairman, European Research Group). House of Commons.

From Dr Jack Barrett

Sir, The letters from Sir John Houghton and others (June 14) and from Mr John Gummer (June 17) about global warming and its connection with carbon dioxide levels suggest that there is a discernible influence of the Church upon the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change.

That there is even a remote possibility that theologians could have an influence upon a supposedly scientific body such as the IPCC is sufficient to make Galileo turn in his grave. The IPCC's claim to have discerned human influence upon the global climate must be based on foundations of sand if it needs support from an ex-Archbishop and an ex-member of the sy-nod of the Church of England.

Data from Nasa satellites from 1979 to the present time have shown that there has been no trend in the Earth's temperature, although the atmospheric concentration of carbon diox-ide has risen by 7 per cent over the

The less accurate terrestrial temperature record shows that the main increase in temperature this century occurred in the first 40 years, in which time the atmospheric concentration of carbon dioxide rose by only 3.7 per

These and other discrepancies are ignored by the IPCC in coming to their premature conclusions concerning further increases in carbon dioxide concentration. The IPCC needs to consider all available data very carefully before advising massive worldwide expenditure on counteracting a global threat which might not be real.

JACK BARRETT. 273 King's Road. Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.

From Lord Ezra

Sir. Your correspondents are right to draw attention to the need to tackle with renewed vigour the challenges

raised by climate change.

To do so effectively will, I suggest, need a combination of political will and appropriate technology. It was in this context that I was pleased to see that on June 19 the Energy Efficiency Minister, Mr Robert Jones, MP. launched the long-awaited government strategy for combined heat and power (CHP). Since the then Secretary of State for

the Environment first created a target for the wider use of CHP systems in 1990, many of us have pressed for the release of a strategy to underpin it. As

every one megawatt of CHP that is developed has the potential to reduce UK emissions of carbon by 1.250 ronnes, achieving the existing target of five gigawatts of CHP by the year 2000 and looking for an enhanced target to follow are clearly important.

Through my long association with the energy industry, I know what benefits can be secured through combining the skills and resources of the public and private sectors, effective planning and dedicated local leader-

The real challenge is to find creative ways of promoting such initiatives and, in doing so, to have the will to ensure that administrative barriers do not impede progress.

Real benefits result: industry and local energy consumers get a low cost, competitively priced energy service and employment are stimulated. In the debate about climate change we must not lose sight of the fact that there are opportunities for action that are both good for the environment and good for the economy.

Yours faithfully. DEREK EZRA (Chairman. Sheffield Heat and Power Ltd), House of Lords.

RSPCA and hardline animal rights

From Lord Mancroft

Sir, On June 22, members of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals voted to change the charity's constitution to prevent people joining. Those they wish to exclude make up the largest number of dog and horse owners in the country, are responsible for the management of most of Britain's wildlife and a large proportion of its farm animals — exactly, you would think, the people you would want in an animal welfare charity. They are the 88,000 members of the British Field Sports Society.

The BFSS had encouraged its members to join the RSPCA in an effort to combat the lurch towards animal rights extremism on the RSPCA's ruling council. It is typical that in his letter (June 21), Ron Kirkby, then RSPCA chairman, should seek to deflect awkward questions about this matter by

reopening the hunting debate.

While it is true that a majority in Britain are still opposed to hunting, unbiased polling indicates that op-position has fallen from 83 per cent in 109 to around do per cent, and tha the downward trend is continuing.

In 1948 the RSPCA's official view was that "the RSPCA consider that the cruelty involved in shooting foxes is such as to make it an unsatisfactory substitute for hunting and that they would prefer hunting to . . . continue".

Sir, Your brief report of June 24, head-

ed "Railway to lose safety committee", says that the British Rail Joint Safety

Committee "is the only nationwide

safety body pooling the views of rail

Safety Commission's railway industry

advisory committee, which I chair,

has a broader, nationwide representa-tion. Its membership is currently

changing in order to reflect better the

composition of a privatised rail in-

You should also be aware that all

railway operators have responsibility for the safety of their operation — not

This is not the case. The Health and

Rail safety

Officer of Railways

From HIM Chief Inspecting

managers and workers".

just Railtrack.

Rose Court.

June 26.

Yours faithfully,

STAN ROBERTSON,

HM Railway Inspectorate,

2 Southwark Bridge, SEI.

HM Chief Inspecting

Officer of Railways.

Although neither hunting nor shooting have changed since 1948, the RSPCA has, and its present policy has less to do with animal welfare than pandering to extremism.

I wonder how many of those who donate to the RSPCA would continue to do so if they were aware that among this year's candidates for the council most are vegan or vegetarian, one is opposed to all ownership of animals. and another actively seeks a ban on all medical testing involving animals.

The news last week that the RSPCA has entered an alliance with the League Against Cruel Sports Ltd and the International Fund for Animal Welfare, two hardline animal rights groups, will only serve further to alarm the great majority of members, and the Charity Commission, which earlier this year warned the RSPCA to moderate its political campaigns. It would be ludicrous to suggest that

we were trying to turn the RSPCA into a pro-hunting organisation by encouraging our members to join. The hysterical reaction of the RSPCA council has merely served to confirm the validity of our concern. Yours faithfully,

MANCROFT (Deputy Chairman), British Field Sports Society. 59 Kennington Road, SEI.

Stones of Stonehenge

From Professor J. D. North, FBA

Sir. Dr Geoffrey Wainwright (review. June 20; see also letter, June 26) maintains that my book, Stonehenge and the Origins of Astronomy, must be wrong because it was written before the appearance of the latest English Heritage compendium, Stonehenge in its Landscape.

The logic of this escapes me: there is nothing in that splendid book of any relevance with which mine is incom-To even remotely suggest that politi-

cal power and cosmic religion cannot go together, as Dr Wainwright appears to believe, is to fly in the face of most of human history. And no, I did not say Stonehenge was an observatory, in the sense he

supposed. All power to English Heritage's elbow, but more openness to its mind. The two are not inconsistent.

Yours faithfully, J. D. NORTH, As from: 28 Chalfont Road, Oxford. June 26.

Minimum wage

From the Head of the Policy Unit, the Institute of Directors

Sir, I read with some surprise and concern (Minimum pay, minimal issue", Business, June 24) that nearly half the organisations recently surveyed by Reed Personnel Services thought that a national minimum wage (NMW) was a good idea.

This conclusion is quite contrary to an extensive policy survey we conducted recently amongst Institute of Director members (who are broadly representative of business throughout the United Kingdom).

The responses we received were overwhelmingly opposed to an NMW, though, of course, there was wide recognition that the precise effects were crucially dependent on the level it was set at. But assuming a rate of, say, £4 an

hour, there was a near unanimous view that this would lead to a general loss of competitiveness throughout the economy and, most crucially, job losses. The low-paid, moreover, would have the most to lose. Some sectors would be directly af-

fected, such as textiles, agriculture, and services, including hotels, security, cleaning and retailing. But others, which currently pay well above £4 an hour, said that an NMW would result in higher costs and poorer competitiveness, leading to lost business and lower employment.

Our members were also concerned that an NMW would lead to a general upward pressure on wages as employ-ees sought to maintain differentials. In other words, it would be inflationary. Higher inflation would, presumably, be met by higher interest rates which, in turn, could only damage business and jobs.

And, finally, IoD members saw the imposition of an NMW as yet another regulatory burden on business - especially on small businesses - and a clear incentive to slip into the "black economy".

The national minimum wage may appear to be a sweet solution to the issue of low wages. But it is not. It will hurt competitiveness, hamper economic growth (the only way to achieve higher wages on a sustainable basis) and destroy jobs. The message is

Yours faithfully. RUTH LEA. Head of the Policy Unit, Institute of Directors, 116 Pail Mall, SWI.

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Irish objectives

From Mr David Faull

and if they wanted peace more than unity they could have it any time. Handing in of their weapons before they achieve it would indeed be surrender in their eyes. The British Government has made a rod for its own back by guaranteeing that the Union will persist until a

Sir. The IRA has only one objective, a

united Ireland. They started the fight

majority in Northern Ireland wills it otherwise. Unionists will beat the rest of us mercilessly until we take that stick away from them. They will then have no choice but to turn their minds to negotiating an acceptable (possibly federal) union with the South, with the North becoming a

secular or even Protestant state and retaining its existing laws on divorce. abortion, etc. Border adjustments would be more readily accepted within a federal structure. We must face reality, and if that means giving in to terrorism, so be it. It is no more than we did throughout

the dissolution of the Empire. In the end the quarrel is between two communities in Ireland and they must sort it out between them — in Ireland. Yours faithfully, DAVID FAULL Sedgemoor House,

Britons at Wimbledon

From Mr Ron Downing

Westonzoyland, Somerset.

Church Lane,

Sir, I consider your report today, contrasting the social backgrounds of Tim Henman and Luke Milligan and headed "Comprehensive defeat for Wimbledon class barrier", to be blatantiv classist. The parents of both players have

only done what all good and supportive parents have always done: they have sacrificed much of what they have, in time and money, to encourage positive talent in their offspring. Both teams are to be applauded.

Yours faithfully, RON DOWNING. Westhourne House. Coltishall, Norfolk.

From Mrs Carole Schad

Sir, Is neither of your two reporters. who wrote on Saturday that the last all-British match on the Centre Court at Wimbledon was in 1938 (Bunny Austin and Eric Filby), aware that in 1961 Angela Mortimer played Chris-tine Truman there to win the ladies'

Shame on them both. Or don't women count? Yours faithfully. CAROLE SCHAD, 42 Birdhurst Rise. South Croydon, Surrey.

Kindly explain

From Mr Stuart Alderman Sir, How about this from the Employment Service in Peterborough? "By foreign language do you mean

an overseas language? Yours faithfully, STUART ALDERMAN. 7 Heath Farm Court, Grove Mill Lane, Watford, Hertfordshire. June 28.

Legend debunked

From Mr Duncan Bryson

Sir. It seems that it was Black Douglas who witnessed the plucky spider's struggle, not Robert the Bruce (report and leading article, June 22). Perhaps we can now nail another Hollywood fiction. Douglas must have spoken French: more an Eric Cantona than a Billy Connolly.

Yours sincerely, DUNCAN BRYSON, 109 Martin Avenue, Irvine, Ayrshire.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

June 28: The Prince Edward Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, today visited Northern Ireland and was received by the RL ister of State for Northern Ireland). His Royal Highness this evening attended a Reception and Dinner at the Northern Bank headquarters, Howard Street, Belfast, before attending the Award in Northern Ireland's Fortieth Anniversary Concert at the Ulster Hall.

The Prince Edward later atnded a Reception at the Belfast Education and Library Board headquarters, Academy Street, Belfast

His Royal Highness was received in Belfast by Mr Colin Anderson (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of the County Borough of Belfast).

BUCKINGHAM PALACE June 28: The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, this afternoon attended a Reception and Garden Party for Young People who have reached the Gold Standard in The Hillsborough Castle, Northern Ireland, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of County Down (Colonel William

BUCKINGHAM PALACE June 29: The Duke of Edinburgh, President, World Wide Fund for Nature - WWF International, this phy Polo Match at the Guards' Polo Club, Smith's Lawn, Windsor

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

June 29: The Duke of York, Colonel-in-Chief, this morning presented New Colours to 1st Battalion, The Royal Irish Regiment at Catterick and was receive by General Sir Charles Huxtab

BUCKINGHAM PALACE June 29: The Prince Edward. Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Northern Ireland, accompanied by the Rt. Hon. Sir John Wheeler MP

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, as Colonel-in-Chief.

attended the Award's "Open Centres" event in the Throne Room, Hillsborough Castle.

The Prince Edward later visited the Girls' Brigade Fortieth Anniversary of the Award event at Wallace High School, Lisburn, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of County Antrim

Lord-Lieutenant of County Antrim (the Lord O'Neill).

His Royal Highness afterwards visited the Tollymore Mountain Centre, Bryansford, Newcastle, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of County Down (Colorel William Rowmlow). ST JAMES'S PALACE

June 29: The Prince of Wales, President, this afternoon attended the Masters of Music Concert in Hyde Park in aid of The Prince's

PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE

June 30: The Queen, Patron, the Football Association, and The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorary Member, were present at the Final of the European Football Championship between the Czech Republic and Germany at Wembley Stadium this evening and were received by The Duke of Kent (President, the Football Association) and the President, Union of European Football Associations

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness later arrived at the Palace of Holyroodhouse. YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE June 30: The Duke of Kent, President, the Football Association, this afternoon attended the Euro 96 Cup Final, in the presence of The Queen, at Wembley Sta-dium, Wembley, Middlesex.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint the Rev. John Paterson and the Rev. Alastair Symington to be Chaplains to Her

lajesty in Scotland. The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint the Rev. Dr. Stweart Took to be an Extra to Her Majesty in

will present new colours to the 1st. talion, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders at Redfern Bar-racks, Edinburgh, at 10.40; and will open the new Scottish Office building at Victoria Quay, Leith,

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron and Trustee, will attend receptions at the Palace of Holyroodhouse at 11.30 for young people who have achieved the gold standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award; will be the host at a reception at 12.30; and will attend a luncheon at the Salmon Conservation Organis-ation, II Rutland Square, at 1.00. The Duke will attend a dinner 1010

God predetimed us to be adopted as his children through Jesus Christ. This was his will and pleasure. Epitesium 1:5 (RES)

DERENHAM - On June 24th 1996, to Samentha (née Manger) and Nicko, a daughter. India Rose Principa.

SAVAGE - On 23rd June 1996, to Teress and Gavin, a son, Christopher, in Perth, Western Ambralia. Grandson for Etimbeth, Roy, Bill and Mary.

SETH-SMITH On 29th June 1996, to Kathryn née O'Sullivan and Frederick a daughter Ellen, a sister for

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DANGE - On 28th June suddenly at home John Dance, for 42 years the dearly loved and loving husband of the last Jame and shoce 1983 of Mary, much loved father of David, Peter and Susan and grandfather of Heien, Catherine, Timothy and Chivia, Funeral at All Salata Church, Olay Road, Harrogate, on Wednasday 3rd July at 2,30 pm. Flowers may be sent to Swalmon's, Harrogate.

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Northemptonehiv, aged 36.
private cremation on 2nd
July in Oxford; memorial
service later.

DEATHS

EIRTHS

Edinburgh Castle at 7.45. The Princess Royal, as Patron of the Spinal Injuries Association, will attend Windsor Charity Race joint fund-raising charity race night with Racing Welfare at Windsor Racecourse at 7.00.

Today's events

The Queen's Life Guard mounts at Horse Guards at 11.00. The Queen's Guard mounts at Buckingham Palace 11.30.

Mostyn House School All ex-pupils of Mostyn House are invited to a buffet funch on Saturday, September 21, 1996. Information and tickets: 0151 336

PITZHAUSSCE Alice Evelina
Alexandra. Deacefully in
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Grately loved mother of
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GRAY - Piers Michael Davidson, aud 49 years, on Friday 28th June at St Mary's, Paddington, Belowd of Mary, Funeral to be

Girentific - On June 28th, 1996, pancefully in heapful. Christopher Ocuve ("Rib") aged 59. Widower of Barbera (note Ducron) and beloved father of Christopher, Richard, Robert and Savab. Funeral Savab at 51 Micholas Church, Harpenden, on Tuesday July 9th 1996 at 5 pm. Family 30wers catty. Donaltons, if desired, he Harpenden Day Centre. Bonations and enquiries to L.C. Westen, Funeral Directure, No 28. 17 Leyton Road, Harpenden, Herts. Tel: (61682) 712865.

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With of Jack, during nother of Wendy and Junater and much loved mother-in-law of John; adored nan of Leurence, Piers, Dominic, Hermione, Thomas and Jonathan: Descript, on 27th June, efter a long filmes, so bravely fought, Funeral Service at St. Many's Church, Greent Houghton, Northamptombire, et il am on Thursday 4th July, followed by cremation at Northamptom Crumatorium at 12 mont.

The night sky in July

By MICHAEL HENDRIE

MERCURY is at superior conjunc-tion on the lith and then becomes an evening star, brighter than 0 mag-nitude but setting no wore than an hour after the Sun, and unlikely to be

Venns is stationary on the 2nd and at greatest brilliancy (-4.5 magnitude) on the 17th. It rises in the northeast three hours before the Sun by the 31st. firste hours nearest use sum by use size.

Moon near by on the 12th. Mars

moves from Taurus into Gendini
during July, the 1.5 magnitude planet
rising by 01h by the end of July. Moon to the south on the 13th.

Jupiter is at opposition on the 4th-when the -2.7 magnitude giant planet will be low down in Sagitturus and one south at midnight. Moon to the north on the lat and again on the 28th. Saturn is in Cetus, stationary on the 20th, rising by 22th on the 31st. Moon to the north on the 7th. Uranus 2nd and 29th. Neptune is in Sagittar-ius and at opposition on the 18th. Moon to the north on the 2nd and

The Moon: full Moon Id 04h; last quarter 70 19h; new Moon 15d 16h; first quarter 23d 18h; full Moon 30d 11h. The Earth is at aphelion (farthest from the Sun at 152 million km) on the 5th. Sunset is at 20h 25m on the 1st and at 19h 50m on the 31st while

surrise is at ush abri and ush 20m on the same dates.
Astronomical Twilight lasts all night in the south until about the 22nd, ending at 22h 50m and beginning again at 0th 15m on the 31st. In July Capella la low in northern twilight, Another bright star can be found by taking a line from Capella through Pokaris to near the southern bortzon.

There in Scorpius (the Scorpion) is the bright red star Antares. The waxing gibbous Moon will pass ten degrees to the north on the 26th-27th. Antares is one of four first magnitude. stars that can be occulted by the

Nature

notes

YOUNG startings have stopped chasing their parents for food, and are now feeding alongside them in flocks. They are browner than the

adults, but they are beginning to

moult, and by the autumn they will be much spottier than the older

Young woodpigeons can be distinguished from their parents

distinguished from their parents by the absence of the white ring on their neck. Male woodpigeons are still singing vigorously with gruff coos in the trees. Robins have almost stopped singing; they will start again when they take up new territories in raid-August. Last blackbirds are singing; their mellow notes will not be heard again until February.

until February.

Wild parsnip is out along the

edge of motorways: it is umbrella-shaped, tike bogweed, but is pale yellow and has a strong smell that

is umpleasant to humans but attractive to insects. Forgioves are

in flower among the growing bracken. Most of the blooms are

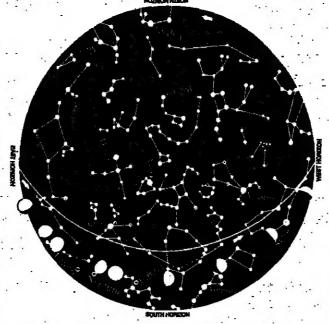
purple, some are white.

Heather is opening on the

moors, which will soon be ringing with the hum of innumerable bees.

Lavender and privet are flecked with the white fourn of cuckno-soit

hiding inside the bubbles is a tiny green spittlebug nymph, feeding



The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon in the latitude of London at 23b [11 pm] at the beginning, 22h [10 pm] in the middle, and 21h [9 pm] at the end of the month local metal time. At places away from the Greenwich meridian the Greenwich times at which the diagram applies are later than the above by one hour for each 15 deg west of Greenwich and earlier by a like amount if the place be east. The map should be turned so that the horizon the observer is facing (shown by the words around the circle) is at the bottom, the zenith being at the centre. Greenwich Mean Time, known to astronomers as Universal Time, is used in the accompanying notes unless otherwise stated.

Forthcoming marriages

Spica, and Regulus.

Antares (the anti-Mars because of its red colour) is 1.0 magnitude but it is the fourth most distant star of those named on the 12 monthly charts. A red giant, Antares is 330 light years from us with a surface temperature of only some 3,000 degrees Celsius.

Another star of similar brightness is Altair at 0.8 magnitude. This star in Aquila (the Eagle) is only 17 light years away. If the astronomers want

The engagement is announced be-tween Michael David Charles Devlin, Royal Irish Regiment, son of Mr and Mrs G.A. Devlin, of Perth-shire, and Julie Mellort, elder daugh-

ter of Mr and Mrs R.D. Vernon, of

The engagement is announced be-tween James Eyre, The Blots and Royals, son of Major General Sir James and Lady Eyre, of East Garston, Landerhite and Combineton

Berkshire, and Sophie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher White, of Parbrook, Somerser.

The engagement is amounced be-tween Philip, son of the Revel and Mrs Roger Hamphreys, of Woodstock, Oxfordshire, and Joamsa, daughter of

Mr and Mrs Barry Levinson, of Glen-

thompson, Victoria, Australia, Lieutenant N.H.M. Jepson, R.M., and Miss V.A. Alexander

The engagement is announced be-tween Nicholas, son of Brigadier and Mrs Paul Jepson, of Church Crook-ham, Hampshire, and Valerie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Alexander, of Middlebank, Fife.

The engagement is announced be-tween Wilfrid, only son of Mr

Wiadimir Koulitchenko, of Bordeaux, and Mrs Geston Giorgi, of Moriani, Corsica, and Caroline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Kellett, of Cooking Daniel Control

Major M.D.C. Deviio and Miss J.M. Vernor

Captain J.P. Eyre and Miss S.J. White

Mr P.W. Humphreys and Miss J.B. Levinson

Mr W. Kowlitchenko

and Miss C. Kellen

to compare their real or intrinsic brightness they must correct the apparent brightness to a common distance.

The distance chosen was 10 parsecs or about 33 light years. If these two stars were at this distance Antares would appear to be -4.7 while Altair would appear to be only +2.2 This difference of nearly seven

magnitudes represents a difference in brightness of over 600 times: it would take 600 Altairs to shine as brightly

The engagement is announced be-tween Richard, elder son of the late Colonel Charles Nevill and of Mrs Philippa Nevill, of Ferryside, Carmarthenshire, and Louisa, elder

daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Eastgate, of Wellington,

Duncan Priddle and Ann McClusice will be married, in Paris, on Friday, July S. The bride will be appended by Ms. Hazel Kinnesr and Mr. Clive Priddle will be best

tween Jeremy Andrew Caley, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Michael.
Spencer, of Woodnidge, Suffolk, and Victoria, Ann, only danginer of Mr and Mrs Ronald Bradney, of Ely, Cambridgeshire. They plan in marrish the control of the control o

The engagement is announced be-tween Mark, younger son of Mr Leslie Stolkin, of Chigwell, Essex, and Mrs Leslie Lubert, of

Hadley Wood, Hertfordshire, and Suzannah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Ward, of Debden Green, Loughton, Essex.

The engagement is announced be-

Mr D.J. Priddle and Miss A.M. McCluskey

Mr J.A.C. Spencer and Miss V.A. Bradney

Mr M.R. Stelkin

and Miss S.C. Ward

Mr RJ. Nevill and Miss LJ. Eastgate

s one Antares. In terms of absolute brightness, Bereigeuse (5.6) and Ri-gel (-7.1) in the winter sky are high on the list. But the brightest star named on The Times monthly charts is Deneb in Cygnus. Only 12 apparent magnitude, this star is 1.825 light years from us giving it an absolute magnitude of 7.5. The difference of nearly 10 magnitudes over Altair makes it as bright as 10,000 Altairs.

makes it as bright as 10,000 Altairs. Polaris, the pole star in Ursa Minor, is another intrinsically bright star though with an apparent magnitude of only 2.0. The distance of 460 light years makes Polaris -4.6 in absolute magnitude, about the same as Antares. The star Vega makes up what is often called the summer triangle with Deneb and Altair. It is of 0.0 magnitude and therefore about 2.5 times as bright as Peneb and Altair but with an absolute magnitude of 0.5 it lies between the two stars at a distance of 23 light years. stars at a distance of 23 light years.

stars at a distance of 23 light years.

The other bright object in the southern sky this July is the giant planet Jupiner. At its brightest this month it is outshome only by Venus and the Moon. With a mass of 318 times that of the Earth, it contains more matter than all the other planets combined. At 143,000 km in diameter it is also much the largest planet. It rotates on its axis in just under ten hours making it noticeably flattened at the poles. In a small telescope it shows bright and dark belty of clouds, it has 16 known satellines of which four are visible in binoculars.

Jupiter takes just under 12 years to Jupiter takes just under 12 years to orbit the Sun, passing through all the 13 notifical constellations. This means that it comes to opposition about a mouth later each year at a point some

30 degrees farther east. At present in Saginarius it is unfavourably placed for observers in the northern bemisphere but in three years will be back year the express

sphere but in infree years will be back near the equator.

Jupiter is moving west or retrograding during July and August as it is overtaken by Earth. It will reach a stationary point on September and after which is motion will again be direct or east to Carricornus. direct or east to Capricornus

The Lord Mayor and Lady May-oress of Westminster attended the annual civic service held yesterday

in Westminster Abbey. After-wards, they were the hosts with the Dean of Westminster at a recep-

tion and luncheon held in the college garden of the

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster were the hosts at a dinner held on Saturday

Baroness Hooper, Mr and Mrs Gerry Barnett, Mr Mark Bisbop,

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man, Mrs Anne Lee, Mr and Mrs Stanley Lee, Mrs Basil Messer,

Mrs Larry Moneta, Mr and Mrs Sam Moneta, Councillor Dr and

Mrs Cyril Nemeth and Mrs

Grundman, Councillor Angel

at Westminster Council House.

Among those present were:

Abbey.

Dinner

Lord Mayor of Westminster Annual Civic Service

will be spent in Ireland.

Marriages

Mr M.E.M. Brooke, QC, and Ms M. Colahan

The marriage took place on Friday, June 28, at Marylebone Register Office, between Michael Brooke, QC, son of the late Mr and Mrs Reginald Brooke, and Mireille Colahan, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Colin

Colaban Mr J.F.C. Cooper

and Miss P.F. Hughes The marriage took place on Saturday, June 29. at St Mary's Church, Furneaux Pelham, of Mr Jonathan Cooper, son of Major General Sir Simon and Lady Cooper, of Donhead St Andrew. and Miss Pollyanna Hughes, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Hughes, of Furneaux Pelham.

The Right Rev Michael Mann officiated, assisted by the Rev Robert Nakes.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Harriet and Sophie Agnew, Katharine Hughes, Alasdair Sladen and Daniel Hughes. Mr Luke Chauveau, The Blues and Royals, was best Wall

A reception was held at Fur-neaux Pelham Hall, home of the bride's grandmother, and the honeymoon is being spent in Italy.

Mr J.G. Hend and Miss A-K. Fairbairn

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Cuthbert's, Lothian Road, Edinburgh, of Mr John Henderson, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Henderson, of Blairston, Ayr., to Miss Anna-Karita Fairbairn, daughter of the late Sir Nicholas Fairbairn of Fordell, QC, MP, and of the Hon Mrs Elizabeth Fairbairn, of Moray Place, Edin-burgh. The Rev David Ogston officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her mother, was attended by Kate Henderson, Jake Pople and Miss Francesca Fairbairn Mr David Weir was

A reception was held at Moray Place Gardens and the honeymoon

and Ms H.A. Tocker The marriage took place on Sar-urday, in Birstall, West Yorkshire, between Andrew David Moore, only son of Mr and Mrs Albert Moore, of Welwyn, Hertfordshire. and Heather Anne Tucker, only daughter of the late Mrs Arthur Tucker and the late Mr Arthur Tucker and stepdaughter of Mrs Tucker, of Birstall, West York-

Mr N.F. Potter

and Miss R.J. Wort The marriage took place on Sar-urday at the Church of St John the Baptist, Bishopstone, Wiltshire, of Mr Nicholas Potter, elder son of Sir Mark and Lady Potter, of Duncan Terrace, London, to Miss Rebecca Wort, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Wort, of Bishopstone. The Rev Ronald Broadbeat officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was at-tended by Alexander and Charles Critchley and William and Matthew Hooper. Mr Charles Potter was best man. A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr Q.N. Preston and Lady Cressida Ward

The marriage took place on Sat-urday at Christ Church, Kensington, of Mr Oliver Preston, son of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Preston, of Terbury, Gloucestershire, to Lady Cressida Ward, youngest daughte of the Earl and Countess of Dudley, of Kensington. The Rev lan L. Robson officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was at-tended by Fleur Gibbs, Rosie Chance, India Puxley, Leo Gibbs and George Kirkpatrick. Mr Ru-pert Gather was best man. A reception was held at the House of Lords.

Mr J. Taylor and Miss K.E. Heyworth The marriage took place on June 29, 1996, at St Mary with St Alban, Teddington Parish Church, London, between Mr Julian Taylor and Miss Karen Heyworth, both of

Dinners

aking Union English-Speaking Union
The Rev Dr Ernest Nicholson, Provost of Oriel College, Oxford, was the
guest of honour and speaker at the
opening direct of the International
Summer Conference of the EnglishSpeaking Union held last nightat the
college, Mrs Dene Newman, director
of the conference, received the guests.
Mr Chris Ward also snoke. Mr Chris Ward also spoke.

The Old Brutonian Association held The Old Brutonian Association held its Annual Dinmer at King's School, Bruton on June 29. The guest of homour was the Headmaster, Mr Richard Smyth. The President of the

Repton School

Mr and Mrs Russell Muir were the bosts at a dimier held on Saturday at New House to commemorate their retirement from the House and the retirement of Matron. 88 former members of the House were present. The Hon Michael J. Beloff, QC

The Hon Michael J. Beloff, QC.
The Chambers of Miss Elizabeth
Appleby, QC, and the Hon Michael J.
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Lord Gisborough, 69; Mr Huns Werner Henze, composer, 70; Lieutemant-Colonel Sir John Hugo, former Gentleman Usher to The Queen, 97; Sir Peter Hunt, chairman and managing director, Land Securities, 63; Viscount Lever-hulme, KG, 81; Mr Carl Lewis, athlete, 35; Sir Kenneth Lewis, former MP, 80; the Marquess of Linlithgow, 50; Miss Jean Marsh, actress, 62; Mr Cavan O'Connor. singer, 97; General Sir Thomas Pearson, 82; Miss Joan Sadler, former Principal, Cheltenham Ladies College, 69: Mr Garry Scho-

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MULHAM Katherine (Kete)
nie Poster Striff. Peachtly
on 28th June 1996, in
Sydney Australia, aged 64.
Beloved wife of Laurence
and adored mother and
grandmother. Memorial
service on Thursday 4th July
in Galston, Donations if
desired to The Imperial
Cancer Research Pund.

MAPIER-AMBREWS - Ken.
On June 27th, died pencefully in Lewes. Beloved. husband of Tash' and father of Nigil and 'Soliton' and his six grand-children. Cremation at Woodwale, Brighton 10:50em Tuesday, July 2nd. Cut flowers a/o Coopers, Lewes 01:273-478887.

ROYDS - Nagel II. Car. MN (rehd) of Freet, Ranta... on June 27th. Beloved humband of Susan: much loved father and grandfather. Funeral followed by burial at 9t Mary's. Winchdeld. 2 per Wednesday 3rd July. Desember may be sunt to Phylis Tuckwell Hospics. Waverier Lane. Parnham. GU9 281.

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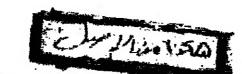
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OBITUARIES

Jean Gimpel, historian of technology, died in London on June 15 aged 77. He was born in Paris on October 10, 1918.

IN BRITAIN where he lived, Jean Gimpel was regarded with affection as a writer who launched his ferocious harbs at a number of sacred cows, in particular art, which he saw as having usurped the place of religion. In France, he was respected as the ex-Resistance fighter whose enthusiastic book in 1958 on the builders of medieval cathedrals has sold several hundred thousand copies; and whose socio-economic projections of the future of the world earned him the sobriquet of "the Nostradamus of the 20th century". In the United States, he was the unwelcome prophet (if entertaining lecturer) announcing the decline of its civilisation - the greying of

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Africa to South America, Jean Gimpel was sage, Samaritan, and potential saviour, whose studies of medieval technology inspired him to take working models of simple rural machinery around the world to be copied locally. This was the "intermediate technology" so desperately needed to halt that disastrous flight from the land to the town. Gimpel was the exemplar perhaps more common in France than in Britain - of the intellectual who

But in the Third World, from Asia to

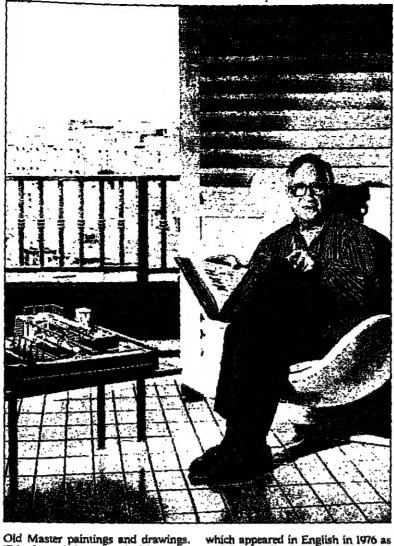
finds a role as man of action. Gimpel was born in the loth arrondissement of Paris. His father René had followed his own father, Ernest, as an art dealer. René was a friend of Monet, Renoir and Proust. and from around 1907 made an annual visit to New York, where he opened an art gallery. He married the youngest daughter of Sir Joseph Duveen.

Jean was the youngest of three sons: the other two went on to found an art gallery, Gimpel Fils, in London, Jean was educated at a preparatory school in Buckinghamshire; in Switzerland at Le Rosey in Rolle, and Gstaad; then at the Lycee Louis Le Grand in Paris. His interests were in history which developed into a particular fascination for the history of technology. As a member of the Société Française d'Astronautique he discussed such subjects in 1939 as how to get to the Moon. He gained, in 1938-39, exclusive French rights to British and American patents, which included air conditioning units, carbon monoxide detectors and electric fly-

The Second World War involved Gimpel in a Resistance group responsible for blowing up factories in and around Paris, with ball-bearing factories a particular target (this added usefully to Gimpel's knowledge of French industry). It was here that Gimpel met his future wife, Catherine who, as he often pointed out, was

senior to him in the Resistance. After the war Gimpel set up a private laboratory for the scientific study of

JEAN GIMPEL



Old Master paintings and drawings. This later led to a relevision programme, shown in Britain under the title Don't Take It For Granted, on the difficulties of authenticating Old Masters. Gimpel also began to collect abstract art but suffered a loss of faith in the importance of art, focusing his energies instead on the relevance of technology to evolution.

Lecturing at Yale in 1956 on the parallel evolution of the Middle Ages and the United States, his graph relating two curves, of technological evolution and psychological drive, gave rise to further study and development. The essence of this was that national psychological drive ebbs first, but technological evolution continues for a further period before the final disintegration of society. During this period other nations take up the technology, but with increased psychological drive.

Gimpel's studies of medieval technology (which began on visits to Chartres with his father) were pub-lished in 1958 as Les Bâtisseurs de Cathédrales, and in English in 1961, back. This work Gimpel was to follow competing collectors and auction Catherine, whom he married in with the publication in 1975 of the book houses — was also to blame. Art, for and by two sons and a daughter.

Meanwhile, Gimpel felt the need to formulate the reasons for his loss of faith in art. Contre L'Art Et Les Artistes; Ou La Naissance D'Une Religion was published in its original French in 1968, and in English in 1969. as The Cult Of Art; Against Art and Artists. The Times Literary Supplement was sufficiently concerned by what it saw as the presuppositions and reactionary extremism of the French edition not to wait for the English edition before devoting two columns of an editorial to a denunciation of book and author.

The Medieval Machine: The Industri-al Revolution Of The Middle Ages.

The book provides a well-documented historical catalogue of all the factors which over the centuries have tended, in Gimpel's view, to suborn artists and inflate their egos. He saw the process as beginning with the first separation in terminology of "artisan" and "artist", and accelerated by the quasi-divine status accorded to man as artist by some Renaissance philosophers. The development of the continuing to sell worldwide in paper- art market - with its writers, dealers,

Gimpel, gradually took on a quasi religious status in a predominantly non-religious society, with the artist being regarded as high priest. Published in 1968 at the end of a

confident decade in the art world, this thesis could then easily be disregarded as morally accurate, but irrelevant. Republished in 1991 in revised form simply as Against Art and Artists, it gained a new audience in the disillusioned era of postmodernism.

Gimpel's 1976 book on the medieval machine was well received on the whole. But reviewers noted that Gimpel was obliged to use secondary sources, and also doubted exact paraliels could be found in the decline of any pair of countries or civilisations. The equivalence in English usage of "industry" to "technology" was questioned; and the relevance of medieval technology to the present problems of the Third World doubted.

So Gimpel set about making these matters practical and relevant. He set up a charity. Models For Rural Development, in 1977. Barriers of language and fixed ideas, he argued. could most readily be overcome by presenting models of "intermediate technology" as used in some other century or country, for local craftsmen to copy, usually in wood.

A true Frenchman who proclaimed, "I am for women and technology, in that order". Gimpel found that it was the women, who do so much of the basic work in rural societies, who know what is needed practically. His early excursions with models into villages in Kenya, Nepal and Senegal were aided by a United Nations grant, but otherwise funded from his own pocket and the charity he set up. He installed the Archimedes screw - one of the earliest kinds of pump, used for raising water from one level to another

- in one village, and in others introduced better designs for cooking stoves, horizontal water mills for flour, fish farms, and locally-repairable electric generators. Gimpel recounted his personal experiences on these expeditions in Le Moyen Age Pour Quoi Faire?, published in French in 1986.

Gimpel's spread of ideas was aided in traditional form by the carefullyorchestrated Sunday afternoon salons held with his wife, who continued to work every weekday at the Gimpel Fils art gallery, despite her husband's views on artists, while Gimpel spent the morning writing in bed. These salons were normally held for two periods of six weeks in spring and autumn; on Sundays, since Gimpel claimed not to like the muddy country for weekending - this despite his work amid the rural mud of the Third World. For all his predictions of doom and decline in the West, Gimpel believed that we live in wonderful

competing collectors and auction. Catherine, whom he married in 1956.

SIR ARTHUR SNELLING

Sir Arthur Suelling, KCMG, KCVO, British Ambassador to South Africa, 1970-72, died on June 25 aged 82. He was born on May 7, 1914.

UNIVERSALLY known to family, friends and professional colleagues as Peter, although it was not one of his given names. Arthur Snelling was Britain's envoy in South Africa at a time when apartheid was causing difficulties between the two countries. Mutual resentment had been heightened by cancellation of the MCCs cricket tour in 1968 (the so-called D'Oliveira tour) and by troubles surrounding the Springboks' rugby matches in this country a year later. Pretoria had been pleasantly surprised by the election in 1970 of Edward Heath's Conservative Govern-

mean a more sympathetic ear in Whitehall. But pressure from the black Commonwealth ensured that the Conservatives in power were less amenable than they had sounded in Opposition. They were reluctant, for example, to supply new military equipment, including helicop-ters for South Africa's Britishbuilt frigates and the latest Cymbeline mortar-locating

ment, believing that this might

This was the delicate situation into which Snelling stepped in the spring of 1970 after spending the previous eight years in Whitehall as a deputy under secretary -latterly as deputy head of the Diplomatic Service.

As an additional complication, he was called upon to hold secret talks in Pretoria with a representative of Ian Smith's rebel government in Rhodesia to explore a possible basis for negotiating a political solution to the crisis there.

Snelling's background was that of an economics specialist who represented a new breed of postwar diplomat - with practical skills and a leaning towards trade and industry. As such he had a good track record for sceptical analysis and for blunt presentations of the facts to his political masters. He had already proved him-

self as High Commissioner in Ghana, 1959-61, the second British envoy in Accra following independence. He was there when Harold Macmillan stopped by at the start of his "winds of change" tour and when the Queen flew out in 1961. She had had to postpone her visit by a year because of the birth of Prince Andrew.

Despite his good personal relations with President Nkrumah. Snelling was privately relaying the first real



warnings to the Commonwealth Office that the mood of self congratulation over Ghana and the progress towards independence in black Africa could turn out to be prema-

Arthur Wendell Snelling had been born in London. himself the son of a civil servant. His mother had always intended to call him Peter and was therefore somewhat nonplussed when his father returned from the register office to say that he had written him down as Arthur after himself. He was always known as Peter nonetheless.

His Quaker parents sent him to Ackworth School, a Quaker boarding school at Pontefract, Yorkshire -- although he lapsed soon afterwards. From there he went to University College London where he took a first in economics and spent his spare time acting and producing

After graduating in 1934 he worked for two years as secretary of a study group at the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House) — producing a book on its findings — before join-ing the Dominions Office. As private secretary to the Duke of Devonshire, then its parliamentary under-secretary, he paid his first visit to South Africa with the Duke and Duchess just before the Second World War. Retained by Whitehall during the war, Snelling accompanied the Government's economic adviser Lord Keynes on visits to the United States and Canada in 1943 and 1944, taking part in lease-lend talks among other things. In 1944 he also acted as joint secretary to the British delegation at the Bretton Woods monetary conference in the US - the conference which was to lay the foundations of a new postwar economic system. He always took great pride in having been a veteran of Bretton Woods.

Then after the war came two tours as deputy high commis-sioner in New Zealand and South Africa - interspersed with postings in Whitehall.

Snelling became a director of Gordon and Gotch Holdings, the publications distribution group, on retiring from the Foreign and Common-wealth office in 1972, remaining on the board for nine ars. He was made a Fellow of University College London and a member of the College Council.

He also bought a cabin cruiser which he moored opp osite his riverside home at Kingston upon Thames, and spent holidays with his wife quietly navigating England's network of canals. A cheerful man with a keen wit. Snelling died after suffering from emphysema for many years. He is survived by his wife Frieda. who was also a cousin, and by one son.

PROFESSOR HAROLD WOOLHOUSE

Professor Harold Woolhouse, plant scientist, died on June 19 aged 63. He was born on July 12, 1932.

APART from his own research into how plants age and adapt environmental change. Harold Woolhouse invigorated the botanical department of Leeds University, built up a leading international centre of plant and microbial research at the John Innes Centre. Norwich, and breathed life into the vision of a unified agricultural science park at the Waite Institute in Adelaide, Australia. His was a remarkable career which inspired and stimulated a whole meration of scientists and laid important foundations for the future of plant research.

Harold William Woolhouse was born in Sheffield. His leaning towards science was evident from an early age. Roy Hattersley, a close friend dur-ing boyhood, recalls in his autobiography how Woolhouse used to collect butterflies with methodical zeal. Rather than chasing them with a net, he collected leaves that were likely to harbour eggs and watched, as the caterpillars hatched, grew and metamorphosed into butterflies, which he then gassed with ammonia and mounted.

As a teenager he sought a job as a student gardener at the John Innes Institute but

was turned down. Thirty years later he was to be director of this institute. Eventually he got a place as a trainee gardener for the Royal Horticultural Society before attending Reading University where he obtained a BSc in 1955. He then went to Adelaide to study for a PhD in botanical sciences. It was the beginning of a lifelong connection with Australia.

In 1960 he was appointed a junior research fellow in Sheffield University's botany department. He rose rapidly through the ranks and it was no surprise when, at a time of major change in his Sheffield department, he moved to a chair of Botany at Leeds in 1969. There he pursued his interest in plant mineral nutrition and heavy metal tolerance, joining the Zaire River Expedition for a few months in 1974 to investigate vegetation growing in copper-rich soils. in 1980 he moved to Nor-

wich where he was appointed director of the John Innes Institute and Professor of Biological Sciences at the University of East Anglia. Woolhouse was irreverent, unconventional and fought tirelessly on behalf of the institute, in a difficult climate in which funding for research institutes was being heavily cut. This often involved him sticking his neck out further than the Brahma chickens which he bred as a hobby, and taking



risks that would unnerve most research directors. But he rationalised and restructured the John Innes Institute to protect the interests of longterm basic research. His vi-

sion, energy, and commitment also led to the Sainsbury laboratory being constructed in Norwich and major laboratories from Cambridge and Sussex being relocated there to

make a world centre for plant and microbial research. Woolhouse did, however,

pay a price for dedicating himself to the institute. His own research eventually took a back seat, and his real success lay in creating an environment for others in which their research could flourish

His winning formula for creating scientific opportunities was transferred to Adelaide in 1990 when he was appointed director of the Waite Research Institute. During the next year he oversaw the merger of Adelaide Univ-ersity with Roseworthy Agricultural College. The two campuses now form the largest agricultural and environmental faculty in Australia.

In 1995 Woolhouse was diagnosed with lung cancer and given a few months to live. With typical bluntness, he announced his illness and retirement to his colleagues by showing them the scans of secondary tumours in his brain, pointing out the shadows. He fought against his illness with remarkable determination and courage, surviving for more than a year against all the odds. It was a precious time, spent initially in Adelaide and subsequently in Norfolk, with his beloved family and garden.

Harold Woolhouse is survived by his wife Leonie. and by two sons and a daughter.

TERREL BELL

Terrel Bell, former United States Education Secretary, died in Salt Lake City on June 22 aged 74. He was born in Lava Hot Springs, Idaho, on November 11, 1921.

APPOINTED by President Reagan in 1981 with the mandate of disbanding the Education Department established by President Carter, Terrel Bell proved to be a very poor executioner. Though he shared some of Reagan's views about the importance of local, as opposed to federal control of education, he was too passionately concerned with the fate of schookchildren to revel in the task. Instead, he set about the education of Reagan, with the result that the poor quality of American schools became a national cause célébre.

Bell began by appointing, against Reagan's wishes, a National Commission on Excellence in Education to make a nationwide study of elementary and secondary schools. The result, published in April 1983, was A Nation at Risk a scathing condemnation

which concluded that: "The educational foundations of our society are presently being eroded by a rising tide of mediocrity that threatens our very future as a nation and a people ... If an unfriendly foreign power had attempted to impose on America the mediocre educational performance that exists today." the report went on, "we might well have viewed it as an act of war."

A Nation at Risk was imme-

diate front page news. Up to that time, Bell had been large-ly ignored by his fellow Cabinet members, who referred to his department as "the Titanic" and "a bureaucratic joke." Suddenly, he found himself centre-stage. Only a month before, Reagan had been pouring scorn on the Education Department in his weekly radio address. Now, with public attention

focused on the issue as never before, he was forced to take Bell with him on his campaign trail, pleading the case for bet-ter schools. Plans to disband the department were abruptly shelved, and Bell fought successfully to avert cuts which had been proposed in federal spending on education. A Nation at Risk - which was as much a shock to Bell as anyone else - resulted in a spate of reform initiatives at state and local level. In successive Administrations, both George Bush and Bill Clinton claimed the title of Education President," though as Bell admitted in an article published in 1993, the improvement in American education standards was neg-ligible. The reason, he said, was not only resistance to change on the part of teachers and school administrators. but the fact that none of the reforms dealt with the underlying cause of school failure: the poverty and social conditions in America's inner cities and rural areas.

Bell. who had previously served as Commissioner of Education in the Nixon and Ford Administrations after a career in teaching, left the Government in 1985 to set up his own educational consulting firm. In 1991 he published a book entitled How to Shape Up Our Nation's Schools. Terrel Bell is survived by his

wife Betty, and four sons.

Church appointments and retirements

The Rev Kevin Ball, Assistant Curate, Church of St George w St James, New Mills (Derby): to be Assistant Curate, Walthamstow, St Saviour (Chelmsford).

The Rev Anthony Boyd-Williams, Vicar, Treharris w Bedlinog, Landaff: to be Vicar, Tipton St Mark, Ocker Hill (Lichfield). The Rev Canon Alan Brown. Vicar, St John, Newport, Isle of Wight: to be also Priest-in-charge,

St Thomas, Newport, Isle of Wight The Rev Pat Chapman: to be Priest-in-charge, Mansfield Oak

Tree Lane (Southwell). The Rev Sharon Crossman, Cugrate, St Andrew, Chippenham w Tytherton Lucas (Bristof): to be Assistant Anglican Chaplain at the University of the West of England

The Rev Dr John Cullen, Director of Training (Winchester): 10 he also an Honorary Canon of Winchester

Cathedral, same diocese.

The Rev Francis Cumberlege. Vicar, St Mark, Tunbridge Wells: to be also Rural Dean of Tunbridge Wells (Rochester).

The Rev George Davies, Industrial Chaplain, Rector, St Michael's, Pobbing and Chaplain, Thurrock Lakeside Shopping Centre (Chel-msford): to be Rector, St Andrew, Moningham (Southwark).

The Rev Jonathan Eades, Team Vicar, Leek and Meerbrook: to be Team Rector, Wolstanton Team Ministry (Lichfield). Other appointment

Mr Michael Thompson, Financial Adviser to the Dean and Chapter. Salisbury Cathedral, has been appointed a Lay Canon of Salisbury Cathedral (Salisbury).

Resignations and Retirements The Rev Bob Bagott, Clergy (and Widows) Retirement Officer (Bath and Wells): to retire. The Rev Preb Michael Barnert, Vicar, Watchet and Prebendary of Wells Cathedral (Bath and Wells): The Rev Michele Barzey, Assistant Curate, All Saints', Gravelly Hill (Birmingham): to resign June 7. The Rev Josephine Bax, Bishop's Adviser in Renewal (Bath and Wells): retired May 31.

The Rev Paul Berg, Incumbent, Christ Church w Emmanuel, Clifton (Bristol): to retire May 31, 1997. The Rev Gilbert Cowdry, Vicar, South Molton Team Ministry (Exeter): to retire September 28. Canon David Dicker, Team Rector, Shaston Team Ministry (Salisbury): to retire October 31.

Prebendary Denys Goodman, Sub Dean and Prebendary of Wells Cathedral (Bath and Wells): has resigned and is appointed Prebendary Emeritus. Canon Peter Hawkins, Team Rec-tor, St Alphege, Solihuli (Birm-ingham): to resign August 25.

The Rev Timothy Lawes. Rector.

Felmingham. Skeyton, Colby, Banningham. Turnington and

Suffield (Norwich): to resign June

The Rev Kenneth Maclean, Vicar, Bicton, Mountford w Shrawardine and Fitz (Lichfield): to retire Octo-

The Rev Andrew Salmon, Team Vicar, Bride Valley Team Ministry (Salisbury): 10 refire January 31. The Rev David Vail. Vicar. Virginia Water (Guildford): to retire September 30.

St Elizabeth, Aspull (Liverpool): to retire July 31. The Rev Peter Willis, Rector. Dintlord, North Huish, Haberton and Harbertonford; Priest-incharge, Halwell w Moreleigh (Excter): to resign August 14.

The Rev Barry Whitehead, Vicar,

The Rev Colin Hodges, Vicar. Lilliput, has withdrawn acceprance of the appointment as Priestin-charge, Charminster and Spinsford (Salisbury). Canon John Edge, Curate, Briercliffe, Burnley (Blackburn): to be Resident Minister, West Felton

Withdrawai of acceptance

THEIR MAJESTIES AND THE CHILDREN. 100,000 LITTLE GUESTS AT

THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

The King and Queen gave yesterday at the Crystal Palace, in celebration of their Coronation, one of the greatest and most remarkable entertainments ever held. Their Mujesties were the hosts of 100,000 of the school-children of London. The fortunate little guests, who were collected from every part of the metropolis, were conveyed to Sydenham in special trains. They began streaming into the Palace shortly after 10 o'clock, and for hours afterwards contingents came every few min-utes. Every child had about six hours at the Palace, but the first contingents began to leave two hours after the last arrived. Practically all the children must have seen their Royal hosts. who arrived shortly after 3 o'clock and made a

tour of the grounds. Their Majesties had an enthusiastic reception, and the joyous delight with which they were everywhere welcomed

was a memorable sight. But the great feature of the festival, the thing which astonished all beholders, was the amazing perfection of the organisation. It was like the working of a vast and complex machine, and the programme was completed

ON THIS DAY

July 1, 1911

The coronation of George V was on June 22.

The days that followed included an open carriage drive through London, a naval review at Spithead and a thanksgiving service at St Paul's. The King wrote of the children's party. "The cheers were quite deafening."

without, apparently, a single fault. The whole success of the enterprise depended, before all things else, upon the weather. Had heavy rain fallen, the results would have been deplorable; but the clouds cleared awaay, the alternoon was bright though cool, and the children spent

the happiest day of their lives . . . The mustering in a single morning of 100,000 children at 500 points scattered all over London county, their concentration at 47 stations, their conveyance by 96 trains to one destination, where they should all arrive between 10.30 and 2.42 their safe return home before nightfall — to carry out a vast and

complicated operation like this without delay. without accident, and practically without a hitch, demanded organising skill and experi-ence, besides discipline and intelligence, of the highest order. The praise due for the complete success of such a military operation, carried through without military experience, must be shared between the organising committee, the teachers, and the railway officials, and no one will grudge to the teachers the highest graise of all. Yesterday's achievement was only made possible by the fact that the children had been well trained in habits of order and discipline. The boys and girls who had won by hallot

the privilege of being the King's guests for the day — that is, about half the children over 12 in the elementary schools of London - assembled at their schools equipped for the day's campaign. Every boy wore a cap of a particular colour, and every girl's hat was trimmed with muslin of a kindred though not identical shade, showing which division they belonged to: and every child in the division had a square linen label sewn on his or her breast of a corresponding colour, and bearing a letter identifying the train allotted for the transport of a particular section of the division Outside many stations crowds of mothers had gathered to see their children off, but they could not be allowed to go further.

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DEMION

ireland should lead

murdered.....

It is bitterly ironic that Ireland should think to lead Europe in a

fight against drugs after the country's leading investigative journal-

ist, Veronica Guerin, was

A question of degree

Not only is slippage in degree stan-

dards unfair to those who won

good degrees at a time when they denoted excellence: it is also dangerous for the health of the univer-

friends...

Preview: Anjelica Huston and Melanie Griffith in a tale of the Wild

West Buffalo Girls (Channel 4. 9pm): Review: Peter Barnard on

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

'Easy' degrees lower standards

Fears of a slide in university standards were fuelled by a study showing a dramatic rise in the proportion of top degrees over the past 20 years.

Nearly six out of every ten recent graduates gained a first or upper second class degree at the traditional universities compared to four in ten in the 1970s......Page I

Expedition Britons die in wall of water

■ A British woman described how an expedition to explore a dry river bed in Oman turned to a disaster when a flash flood swept members of her group from the side of a deep gorge. killing five Britons, two Americans and a Dutch woman. Sally Whitemore, 28, of Buckinghamshire, who suffered a head injury, said from hospital: "It was a torrential wall of water ... the worst experience I have had".....

First maiden

Sarah Potter, 34, the daughter of Dennis Potter, was tipped to become the BBC's first woman cricket commentator...... Page I

Hill pulls away

Damon Hill stretched his lead in the Formula One world championship to 25 points when he won the French Grand Prix at Magny-..... Page 1 Cours ...

Animal fracas

The RSPCA is heading for a show-down with the Charity Commission over moves to exclude supporters of fox-hunting and deer-hunting from its membership ...

Labour dissent

Labour Party chiefs are planning to assume new powers to silence dissenting MPs who consistently speak out against Tony Blair or his policies.....

Princess's birthday

The Princess of Wales, still in the dark over what divorce settlement she may be offered by her estranged husband, celebrates her thirty-fifth birthday today by entertaining Prince William at Kensington Palace Page 3

Hunt for IRA bombers

German police are monitoring roads to The Netherlands in an effort to catch the IRA team that launched three mortar bombs at the British army barracks inPage 5

Somme return

The last handful of Somme veterans gather in north France today to pay respects to comrades killed in the First World War battle 80 years ago Page 6

ireland at EU helm Ireland opens its tour in the EU Presidency today, with ambitions for action on unemployment and drugs and hopes of softening Brit-

ain's resistance to deeper

integration Master rail plan

A soon-to-be-privatised train company plans to restore station masters to at least 20 stations on commuter routes into London to regain confidence in

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Karadzic fear

security ...

Western Governments welcomed the announcement that Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, had stepped down as President, but there were fears that it was a ployPage 12

Lebed move

General Aleksandr Lebed took advantage of President Yeltsin's apparent ill health to put himself forward for a new job as Russian Vice-President

Clinton booking

President Clinton's senior adviser tore into Gary Aldrich, the former FBI agent who has written a salacious "tell-all" book about the White House Page 15

ice-cream war aims to lift frozen sales

■ Italy, which gave ice-cream to the rest of Europe, is full of advertising hoardings depicting a choc ice disappearing between cherry-red lips. Using sexual overtones to sell icecream is new and a sign of desperation. The industry says the crisis is because Italians, particularly the young, eat it only in



Mike Lally, 102, was among those in France for the eightieth anniversary of the Battle of the Somme, in which he fought. Page 9

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Weather or not: Piers Corbyn insists he can beat the Met Office when it comes to forecasting heatwaves or hurricanes and he is prepared to put his money where his mouth is ...

Elder statesmen: Rock's ancien re-

gime struck back with a Hyde Park show featuring Bob Dylan, Eric Clapton and the Who performing Quadrophenia Page 20 Versattle veteran: José Feliciano is

one of those rare musicians who is able to skip from Jimi Hendrix's Purple Haze to Nat King Cole's Unforgettable Page 20 Sold-out Baroque: London cannot get enough of Handel's Semele. Even after the Royal Opera House run, there was not a seat to be had at St James's, Piccadilly, for the

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What do the basics

purchasing power

WHOSE LAW?

Who should decide

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in the French Grand Prix at Magny-Cours, his sixth success of the season, extended his lead in the drivers' championship to 25Page 28

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leading javelin thrower, confirmed

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Euro 96 left back, has announced his retirement from the international stage ...

Athletics: Steve Backley, Britain's

retained the yellow jersey after the second stage of the Tour de France..... Goff: Robert Allenby, of Australia,

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The history of England's evolution has been a story of liberties wrested and defended from Crown and

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President Yeltsin's disappearance is officially a "rest". But the suspicion that he is ill again is a legitimate one. Even if the official version is true, the fact that he needs rest just days before a vote so crucial to Russia's destiny arouses understandable anxieties

- La Repubblica (Rome)

Sunny showers

Sleet and sunny showers

Lightning

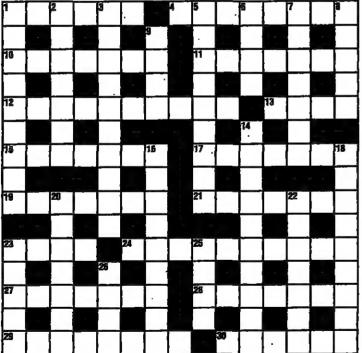
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- ACROSS
- I Home business with extremely
- meagre takings (6). 4 Run in current, like some exotic fish (8).
- 10 How one hears of a universal recovery (7).
- 11 Endure saucy little sibling's interrupting (7). 12 Conservative party attendant -
- TV blabbermouth (10). 13 Gernstone in ring shown by New York Times (4).
- 1 15 Fortification's main part cut in two by conflict (7).
- 17 A graduate with vitality? What a surprise! (7).
- 19 Demanding English bloke defending team (7).
- 3 21 Directions covering European put under subjection (7).
- 23 Cut off part of weed (4). B 24 Old man and I hit out for the county once (10).

Betel-leaf? Champion! A universal

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remedy! (7).

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,207 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Aberlour single highland malt whisky.

- 28 State supplying plants seen round Idaho (7).
- 29 Links repaired within a decade
- 30 One may be blessed after this involuntary expulsion (6).
- ! Apt to blow up, as calibre is all wrong (9).
- 2 Trim dog twice? (7). 3 Belligerent citizens demanding let-
- ters in mail in time (10). 5 Scoundrel makes note on copy of will (9).
- 6 Opening for 25 at sea (4). 7 In church, one opposed to alco-
- holic drink (7). 8 Possibly synthetic product some
- call a textile (5). 9 He changes colour and sounds dreadful (4).
- 14 Useful quality hailed at first in natural player, now passe (6-4).
- 18 Grand to go to battle again it bears truit (9). 20 It may thus enrage the Low-
- Churchman (7). 22 It's an offence in the Orient, to be so stupid (7).

16 Heard cat rouse bird (9).

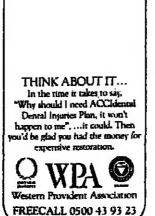
- 23 Leading journalist put up in regimental HQ (5).
- 25 A blow for those favouring radical socialism (4). 26 Northerner misses start of race

meeting (4).

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HIGHEST & LOWEST



General: England and Wales will be rather cloudy, but southeast England may be bright or sunny at first. Showers are expected later in the morning and during the afternoon, some of which may be heavy, extrement thursday, more assectiable.

perhaps thundery, more especially the north. Windy, and rather cool. Scotland and Northern Ireland will be cloudy with showers; perhaps some more continuous rain for a time in northern Scotland. Showers will tend to die out later and it will become brighter. Rather cool.

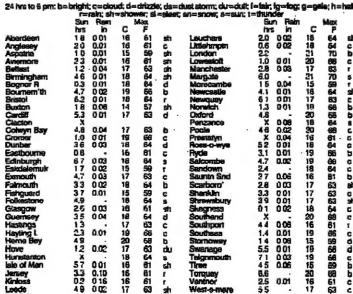
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☐ E Anglia, Midlands, E, NW, Cent N, NE England, Wales, Lake Dis-trict, Isle of Man: bright intervals. showers at times, some heavy and perhaps thundery. Wind westerly, fresh occasionally strong. Rather cool. Max 17C (63F).

Borders, Edinburgh & Dundes, SW Scotland, Glasgow: showers, perhaps prolonged and heavy at times, Dier, brighter later. Wind tresh treatment of the property moderate another. westerly, becoming moderate north westerly. Rather cool. Max 16C (61F).

☐ Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland: cloudy with showers or longer spells of rain. Drier, brighter interludes developing during the alternoon. Wind westerly, turning north or northwesterly, moderate to fresh. Max 14C (57F).

ARGUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY



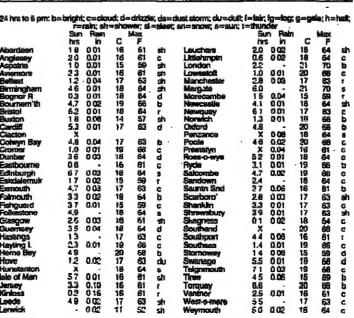
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☐ N Ireland: cloudy with showers. Drier later with surny intervals. Wind

west turning northwest, moderate to fresh. Rather cool. Max 16C (61F). Outlook: dry at first, becoming wet

and windy. Staying rather cool. Pollen forecast: Scotland, north-em England, N treland, Wates, London, low; Midlands, East Anglia, South, East, South West, low to



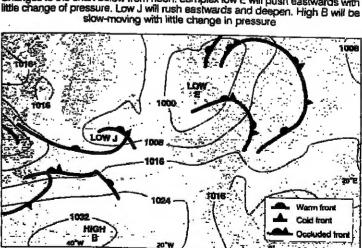
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Weld and ridden by Pat Shanahan, was the surprise winner of the Irish Derby at The Curragh Page 40 - LOTERY

with five win £2,000; 56,588 with four numbers win £77. 🂢 Sunny CALM Sunny intervals Cloudy a Drizzle Overcast Rain

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